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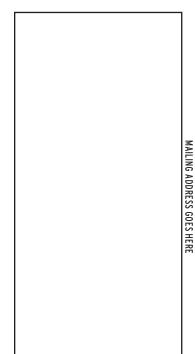
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### Carey – late, great governor

#### BY THOMAS TRACY

Park Slope native Hugh Carey, the two-term governor who helped pull New York from the brink of economic disaster in the 1970s, died on Sunday. He was 92.

Carey, who was labeled as a political maverick for running for the state's highest office against the wishes of New York's Democratic political machine — and then winning — passed away sur-*Continued on Page 19* 





### The queen reigns

Sock it to us! Soul Queen Aretha Franklin wowed a standing-roomonly crowd in Coney Island last Thursday, but not all were able to get into the packed show. See pages 3 and 26 for more.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

**VARDS HOCKEY DREAM** 

## Professional team could be coming to Barclays Center

#### BY AARON SHORT

Barclays Center officials now say that the Prospect Heights sports arena will be able to host a professional hockey team — a flip-flop that comes days after Nassau County voters rejected a new home for the struggling New York Islanders.

Developer Forest City Ratner originally intended to include hockey as a possible use for the under-construction \$1-billion home for the Brooklyn-bound Nets, but the icemen were banished when the arena was redesigned two years ago to cut costs. "We hope to explore hockey opportunities in the future," said Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark, though quickly added, "[but] our primary focus at the moment is to build the best sports and entertainment venue in the world."

The Islanders' lease at the Nassau County Veterans Coliseum will expire in 2015 — and the Barclays Center became a possible landing pad after suburban voters last Monday rejected a new arena for the team, once the elite of the National Hockey League.

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### E. 25th Street between Clarendon and Avenue D takes this year's title

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#### BY AARON SHORT

Flatbush has kept its crown — of greenery.

The green thumbs of E. 25th Street harvested the fruits of their labor last week when the Brooklyn Botanic Garden anoited the block between Clarendon Road and Avenue D as the "greenest" in the borough.

The horticultural award was bestowed upon a Flatbush block for the second year in a row, after judges weeded out more than 200 entries from nearly 30 neighborhoods.

And it was sweet redeption for the East 25th Street Block Association, which last year came in second to Vanderveer Place between Flatbush Avenue and E. 23rd Street, a mere two blocks away.

This year, gardening judges were charmed by the handsome residential block's mix of bright native plants, overgrowth of roses and ivy, and carefully manicured front yards separated by stately wroughtiron fences.

The East 25th Street Block Association will receive a \$300 check for its first place finish, as well as



E. 25th Street residents Pauline Green (above) and Ashley Lowe, 9, take good care of their plants, and it's paid off – for the second year in a row, Flatbush has won the title of "greenest" block in the borough. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

the priceless pride and bravura for knowing that it is prettier than any place in Park Slope (or certainly prettier than Eighth Street between Prospect Park West and Eighth Avenue, which some critics have said



was the least green winner of the "Greenest Block in Brooklyn" contest when it won in 2008).



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## Thousands shut out of Aretha's concert ...

#### BY THOMAS TRACY Talk about no R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

More than 1,000 R&B lovers who showed up for Aretha Franklin's free Aug. 4 concert in Coney Island couldn't see the songstress in action because the al fresco music hall was too small — and Borough President Markowitz seized on the limitation to again push for his controversial mega-amphitheater in nearby Asser Levy Park.

Markowitz's popular Seaside Summer Concert Series moved to the W. 21st Street and Surf Avenue parking lot after getting booted from the existing Asser Levy bandshell following a court dispute last year but the Beep still hopes to build a \$64-million concert hall inside the greenspace.

"I wish the [new] venue was large enough to accommodate everyone who wanted to see Aretha [Franklin]," said Markowitz, who estimated that Franklin drew 10,000 fans. "It's why I feel so strongly that Coney Island should have an amphitheater to establish Brooklyn as a major summer concert tour destination."

Fans from across the five boroughs and beyond came to Coney Island to see Franklin's free concert — her first in Brooklyn but were put off by their treatment as well as the new concert spot, which holds about 2,000 fewer people than Asser Levy Park, where Markowitz's concerts had been held for more than a decade.



SUMMER BUMMER: Shai Husain was one of more than a thousand people who were shut out of a free concert by soul diva Aretha Franklin (right), who wowed the packed crowd in Coney Island last Thursday. Photo by Steve Solomonson

"We were stuck in the lot with a clothcovered fence in front of us — I thought it was really rude," said longtime Franklin fan Shai Husain. "If too many people had come to the concert, then that's fine, but couldn't they lift the curtain [so we could see the concert]?"

Husain said that someone actually tore

a hole the curtain, providing a lucky few a glimpse of a Jumbotron as Franklin belted out "Respect," which became a theme song for the stranged fans.

"We sang the song louder than everybody else," she said. "Everybody [in the parking lot with us] was outraged. If you're going to have a free concert with the Queen of Soul you really should have it somewhere that can handle all of the people that will come."

Markowitz agreed, but said he had no choice in the matter. He reluctantly left the bandshell at Asser Levy Park at W. Fifth Street after settling a lawsuit with residents who claimed his concerts violated city noise codes.

Those who sued Markowitz weren't taking aim at the concert series per se, but the Borough President's plan to build an 8,000seat amphitheater inside a park and within 500 feet of two synagogues, a violation of city noise law.

Yet many concert lovers are bemoaning their exodus from Asser Levy Seaside Park.

When the concert series kicked off last month, attendees complained that the new venue was smaller, harder to get to and more uncomfortable, since music lovers had to unfurl their blankets over a concrete slab rather than the grass-covered Asser Levy Park.



But Ida Sanoff, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, shrugged off all the complaints.

"It's insane to cram thousands of people into a small neighborhood park," Sanoff said. "Coney Island has vast acres of empty land, yet Markowitz says he doesn't have enough room for his concerts? That's really insane!"

Next up on the concert schedule is Cheap Trick, the 1980s rock band on Aug. 18. Many fans are expected.

### ... while JellyNYC moves back north after sorry turnout

#### **BY THOMAS TRACY**

Hipsters couldn't hack the hike across the borough, so JellyNYC's moved its concerts back to Williamsburg.

The promoter's third Rock Beach concert — which was expected to take place at Floyd Bennett Field in Mill Basin this past Sunday — was held on Bogart Street between Rock and Varet streets under a new name: Rock Yard.

And hipsters couldn't have been happier.

"I am psyched," said Tom McDonough, who ran Rock Beach's dodgeball station at Floyd Bennett Field. "Last week, I wished it was back in our backyard, but I had no idea it would turn out this perfect. It's right around the corner."

The bands The Growlers, The Death Set and Cerebral Ballzy — all of which were supposed to perform at Rock Beach played the Bogart Street stage to a packed crowd.

But the sudden venue change came as a surprise to workers at Floyd Bennett

Field's Aviator Sports and Recreation Center, who were expecting to host Sunday's Rock Beach Concert.

"We didn't know what was going on," explained Gregg Williams, Aviator's director of marketing. "We're responsible for putting the stage back up and providing security [for Sunday], but we never heard from them. [JellyNYC] likes to surprise people, but this time they surprised the venue!"

Alexander Kane, founder of JellyNYC, did not return a call for comment.

But it's clear that Rock Beach's low attendance numbers sparked the move. During the July 24 concert at Floyd Bennett Field — which is more than nine miles from Williamsburg — roughly 150 people showed up for the six-hour music festival, dotting a space that could hold thousands.

Rock Beach and Rock Yard concerts are free, but those going to the Rock Beach were charged \$20 to be bussed from Williamsburg to the 83-year-old former air strip on the other side of the borough.



The intrepid few who made it out to Rock Beach at Aviator, before the hipster concert series was renamed Rock Yard and moved to Bushwick.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

But the commute disagreed with many concert-goers.

McDonough called the trip a "pain in the ass." Hipster Chris D'Angelo also bemoaned the commute, claiming that some had to "take a train and a bus" to get to the concert if they didn't make it to JellyNYC's party bus in time. JellyNYC former concert site in McCarren Park was so much nicer, he said.

"It was so easy to get to," D'Angelo explained.

The Rock Beach concert series was expected to stay at Floyd Bennett Field until Sept. 10. The last three weekends were going to include camping now that campgrounds in the federal park have been expanded.

All of those plans are now up in the air — an uncertainty that JellyNYC seems to thrive on: last year, the Open Space Alliance, which hosted JellyNYC's pool parties in Williamsburg, canceled the promoter's last concert during a contract dispute, but the show went on after the two groups hammered out a deal.

### Where did the gull go?

Sea-Lo, the rare gray-hooded gull that landed in Coney Island last month, has been missing for nearly a week. Birders from across the country are searching up and down the east coast to try to locate the shorebird that has only been seen once before in North America. Ornithologists have developed several working theories about what exactly happened to the perky little shorebird:

•Theophilus London hired it to manage his Timez are Weird fall tour.

•It has been riding on the Soarin' Eagle the whole time.

> •Became an integral part of the Carl Kruger investigation and had to be relocated.

•Took the role of Konstantin KRUGER Gavrilovich Treplyov opposite Maggie Gyllenhaal at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Checkov retrospective this fall.

•It got priced out of Surf Avenue and moved to Bensonhurst.



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Joey Chestnut ate it.

•It is actually a common herring gull and this whole thing is a **hoax**.

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## **GULL-IVER**

### Coney's rare shorebird goes missing

**BY AARON SHORT** This bird has flown the coop

Birdwatchers have been searching for an extremely rare gull that vanished last Wednesday after it delighted crowds on the beach near the Coney Island Boardwalk earlier this month.

"People are looking all the way up and down the Atlantic seaboard for it," said National Audubon Society's Greg Butcher. "A lot of people enjoy rare birds and nothing is as rare as that bird right now."

The shorebird, which we have lovingly named Sea-Lo, was first spotted near W. 12th Street on July 24 and positively identified five days later as a grayhooded gull.

The type of bird is indigenous to Chile, Argentina and South Africa, and had only been seen in North America once before in recorded history.

For two weeks, birders flocked to the boardwalk to score a glimpse of the equatorial shorebird while sharing stories of adventures past.

And Sea-Lo did not disappoint.

"It seemed to be getting along, and was even dominant over the local laughing gulls," said ornithologist student Morgan Tingley, who has been furiously tweeting the bird's whereabouts since it landed. "Every day it showed up it seemed to be coming from

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some place else."

But now the gull is gone. And birders are fanning out over Sheepshead Bay marina, Manhattan Beach and Plum Beach in order to spot it again—and learn more about it.

Although the bird's species has been identified, much remains a mystery.

Ornithologists have no idea where it came from or how it got here, and they still don't know what its gender is and whether it has found a mate.

But its origins are of critical importance for professional and amateur ornithologists alike

The gull would only be classified as a "wild bird" if it flew here on its own, not if it hitched a ride on a ship hailing from South America or Africa — a crucial distinction that could keep the shorebird from the record books.



Birders Steve Schellenger and Bob Gochfeld spotted the rare gull last week, but now, it's nowhere to be found. Photo by Aaron Short

But none of those questions can get answered as long as the bird is missing.

Butcher says it is 50-50 that the bird will return to Coney Island this summer to snack on our shellfish. "There are cases where a rare bird vanishes for a week or two and then reappears — but it is just as likely we'll never hear from this bird again, disappearing into nothingness."



### Car flips over on Ocean Parkway

Two people were injured on Aug. 6 after an out-of-control Nissan flipped over at the corner of Ocean Parkway and Avenue X — horrifying dozens as it landed on its roof on a busy pedestrian median.

Stunned witnesses said the crash took place at around 5:30 pm. The car reportedly was traveling at a high rate of speed on the rain-swept roadway before jumping the median.

That's when the Nissan began to

tumble, striking a tree before coming to a stop between Avenues X and W, witnesses said.

Paramedics removed both the driver and a passenger, taking them to Coney Island Hospital — which was just a few blocks away — for treatment. Their injuries weren't considered life-threatening, police said.

No criminal charges had been filed against the driver as of late Monday.



## Sand artists dig in during contest

#### BY COURTNEY DONAHUE

Sea creatures, cartoon characters, sandy skycrapers and actor Vincent D'Onofrio dotted Conev Island's beach on Saturday during the annual sandsculpting contest.

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And no, the Bensonhurst-born, Emmy-nominated "Law and Order: Criminal Intent" star was not there in sand-form only, but was an actual contestant — and winner — in the competition, taking second place in the mixed adults and children category for his thought-provoking piece, "Castle and Dragon."

During the contest, 50 mounds of sand were prepared for professional and amateur sand artisans participating in the Astella Development and New York Aquarium-sponsored event.



Rayna Roman took third place in the children's category for her beautiful dancing "Ballerina" at the sand sculpting contest on Saturday.

With pails and shovels in hand, the diverse crowd lined the stretch off the Boardwalk, near W. 12th

beach into a bona fide art gallery.

Some used props, like Rayna Roman's "Ballerina," which featured a green tutu with sequins and silver ribbons on her "shoes"; a few were simple in their designs, such as Yvonne Zhang's and Hong Mu's "Temple of Heaven"; and others were larger than life, like the "Guard-



ian Lion" by Anthony Aval-

lino of Bensonhurst and

William Petrosino of Co-

ney Island, which won the

duo first place in the adult

group category.

Above left: Park Slope's Aaron Sand (that's no joke – his name is Sand!) puts the finishing touches on his sunbathing "Kermit the Frog."



Vincent D'Onofrio of "Law and Order" tried his hand at sculpting with his "Castle and Dragon."





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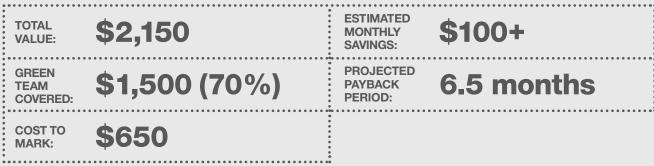
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#### Burglar busted

A 26 year old burglarized two Coney Island homes on July 22 — and was arrested after he returned to one of the homes.

Police said the suspect forced his way into a home on W. 17th Street near Mermaid Avenue, taking a duffel bag containing \$600. Three days later, he broke into a second apartment down the block by pushing in an air conditioner sticking out of a window.

He grabbed some cash and clothes, but soon returned them — a misstep that ultimately led to his arrest.

#### Shark bite

A would-be loan shark tried to shake down a W. 23rd Street man for the \$700 that he had lent out — but was later arrested.

According to reports, the victim was inside his apartment, which is between Mermaid and Surf avenues, at 3:25 pm when the 60-year-old stopped by, demanding his money, as well as the 43-percent interest, compounded monthly, that the two had agreed upon earlier.

The victim said he didn't have it, and, the thug barged in and flashed two knives, reportedly threatening to cut his victim's throat if he didn't get the money.

The victim calmed the man, then called police, who charged the 60-yearold with burglary, attempted assault and criminal possession of a weapon.



#### **Crooked lies**

Two thieves broke into an E. First Street home on Aug. 2 — then lied about what they were doing when the homeowner's daughter caught them in the act.

The 61-year-old victim said that the thieves cut the screen to the front window of her home, which is between Avenues X and Y, at 4:45 am, waking up her daughter.

The daughter found one of the men rummaging through the home looking for valuables. The other was rooting through the refrigerator, looking for food.

When she confronted the thieves, they didn't run off, but rather claimed that they were asked to stop by.

"Where's Ben?" one of them asked. "He told us to come here." The thieves then walked out of the

home with \$100 and the victim's car keys,

police were told.

#### **Cell swipe** A thug attacked his ex-girlfriend inside

her E. 22nd Street home on Aug. 3, taking her iPhone.

The 33-year-old victim and her former beau were having an argument in the home, which is between Avenues Y and Z, at 9 am when the thief lashed out with an unknown object, cutting her arm — then ran off with the woman's Smartphone.

#### Thugs nabbed

A Bonnie-and-Clyde-type couple robbed a 17-year-old of his cellphone on Brown Street on Aug. 3 — but was caught by police a short time later.

The victim was between Avenues U and V just before 3:30 pm when the thieves jumped him.

The duo punched the teen in the back of the head, flashed a knife, and ran off with a cellphone — but didn't get far before police caught the suspects.

#### **Bagel knives**

A 15-year-old girl and an 18-year-old man raided a West End Avenue bagel store on Aug. 3, taking a 12-ounce bottle of beer and some gum — but were later arrested.

Workers at the store, which is near Oriental Boulevard, said the thieves came in at 10 am. They reportedly flashed a knife and ran off with the loot — only to be arrested a short time later.

#### Pre-teen mugged

A young teenage couple jumped a 12 year old on his way to Bay Academy on Aug. 3, taking a cellphone and \$1 during an exchange on Emmons Avenue.

The victim was nearing E. 14th Street at 8:50 am when the duo ran up and demanded his property. They then pulled a knife and went into his pockets, taking his cellphone and cash.

Cops apprehended the couple a short time later, charging them with robbery.

#### Tool time

A thief broke into a handyman's truck left in a parking lot on Avenue X on Aug. 3, taking more than \$5,000 in tools.

The owner of the truck said he left his vehicle parked between W. First and W. Second streets at 6 pm. When he returned to it at 8 the next morning, a side window had been smashed and the back cabin had been looted. -*Thomas Tracy* 



### **Investment manager nabbed in Krakow**

An investment manager accused of defrauding his clients out of \$5 million was nabbed half a world away in Poland — only to be marched into Brooklyn Federal Court on Saturday and arraigned on wire fraud and money laundering charges.

Federal prosecutors say that Staten Island money manager Alexsander Efrosman, 49, who also went by the name Alex Besser, had been located in Krakow in the beginning of the summer — about five years after he left the United States a wanted man.

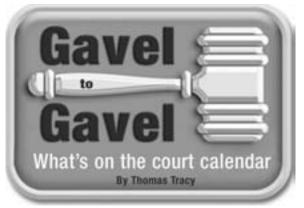
Officials say that between 2004 and 2005, Efrosman, a Russian immigrant, allegedly defrauded more than 100 clients by soliciting investments that he claimed would be used for stock market and foreign currency exchange trading.

Efrosman allegedly amassed more than \$5 million from his investors, but he never put it in the market. Instead, he blew it on personal expenses — spending the lion's share (about \$3 million) gambling at Foxwoods Casino, according to the indictment and detention letter.

In 2005, Efrosman fled the country with the remainder of his ill-gotten gains. He first went to Mexico, then to Panama. Armed with a high-quality fake Russian passport, Efrosman finally settled in Poland under the name Mikhail Grosman.

It took five years, and a multinational investigation that involved authorities in Austria, the Czech Republic and Poland to finally track down Efrosman, who was taken into custody in late May.

Efrosman pled not guilty during his arraignment on Saturday before US Magistrate Judge Andrew L. Carter.



He was held without bail, so he wouldn't be tempted to flee the country again. Attempts to reach his attorney were unsuccessful by late Monday.

He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the charges, officials said.

#### Crying over consecutive sentences

A man convicted of shooting a Coney Island carny in the back during a botched attempted robbery in 1988 is trying to have his 30-year prison sentence reduced, claiming that his stint in the slammer should have been cut in half to begin with.

Rodolfo Grey and two others jumped two Coney Island

amusement park employees on Aug. 11, 1988, jamming a gun into the back of one of the men. The trio demanded their victims' cash and jewelry, but they refused. A few moments later, one of the carnies decided to fight back.

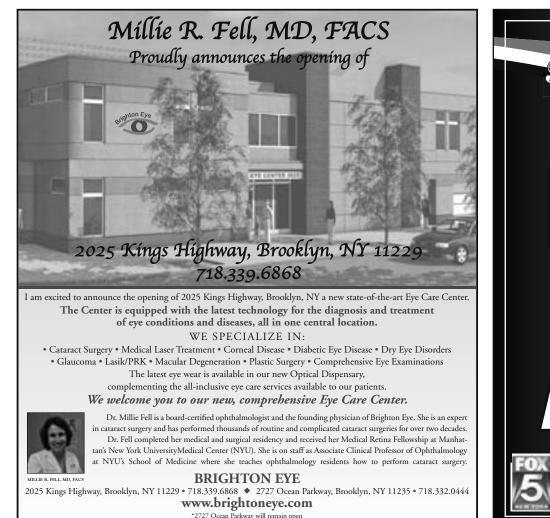
During the scuffle, Grey shot one of his victims in the back and ran off empty-handed, according to court documents. He wounded his victim, but not fatally, said police, who arrested Grey on attempted murder charges.

At his trial in 1989, Grey was tried and convicted. He was sentenced to 20 years for attempted murder, as well as an additional 10 years for attempted robbery. A judge ordered that he serve the sentences consecutively, meaning that Grey wouldn't be a free man until 2019. Yet, in court papers, Grey claims that since the attempted robbery sparked a series of events that led to the shooting, the elements of the crime "overlapped" and his prison sentences should have run concurrently, meaning he would have been released in 2009 after serving 20 years.

But Judge Mark Dwyer disagreed.

Looking over Grey's motion — and the transcripts of the trial — Dwyer determined that the argument could have been made that the attempted robbery and the shooting were two separate acts, even though they happened within moments of each other.

"The events occurred over a very short time frame, but the trial court reasonably determined that the forcible larceny attempt was over and that the shooting constituted a separate act of gratuitous violence," Dwyer wrote as he denied Grey's motion last month. "Under these circumstances, the court had the discretion to impose consecutive sentences."





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### Manhattan Beach crime wave rocks residents

BY AARON SHORT AND THOMAS TRACY This summer, Man-

hattan Beach has been a hotspot — for crime.

One of Southern Brooklyn's toniest neighborhood has seen an uptick in thefts this month, according to residents who say that police aren't doing enough to find the culprits.

One resident whose home was burglarized three weeks ago said he knows who broke into his house, but the police have not been responsive.

"I know what [the burglar] looks like, where he went to high school, his identity - I know everything about this kid except his Social Security number," said Erik, a Manhattan Beach homeowner who did not give his last name. "The police have not been helpful. They're not in a rush to do anything."

Not so, explained Dep-



Even Councilman Mike Nelson was a victim of the recent Manhattan Beach crime wave. Photo by Aaron Short

uty Inspector George Mastrokostas, the commanding officer of the 61st Precinct, who said his officers are constantly patrolling the neighborhood, even though the precinct

is the safest community in the area.

"We're always patrolling [Manhattan Beach]," Mastrokostas said. "But we must deploy most of our Continued on Page 18

### Orthodox cops!

### Shomrim patrol comes to Manhattan Beach

**BY THOMAS TRACY** 

The Flatbush Shomrim Patrol, the controversial Orthodox Jewish peacekeepers who keep an eye out for criminals in Midwood, Borough Park and Flatbush, has expanded into Manhattan Beach.

For the last two weeks, the patrol's mobile command center, a gigantic bus filled with communications equipment, has been parked near the corner of Shore Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, even though the tony beachfront enclave has one of the lowest crime rates in the city.

Patrol founder Chaim Deutsch said that members of the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association asked him to bring the command center to Shore Boulevard to combat a growing crime problem in the area.

"[The group] told us that they have been having some car break-ins and burglar-



After an uptick in property crimes, Manhattan Beach residents asked the Shomrim's mobile command center, seen here on Shore Boulevard near Ocean Avenue, to patrol the area.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

ies and they were hoping to have something with high visibility, like the command center, so people crossing the bridge into Manhattan Beach planning to do a crime will think twice about it," Deutsch said. "We've only been there on weekends.'

Deutsch said that none of his volunteers are patrolling the area, or strayed far from the command center.

Yet its presence is another salvo in an ongoing feud between the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association and the Man-Continued on Page 18

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## **COSTUME-CLAD PETS SHINE ON STAGE**

#### BY COURTNEY DONAHUE

Coney Island was the cat's meow on Saturday when dogs, cats and reptiles of all shapes, breeds and sizes came out in their Sunday best in hopes of taking home the top prize in the Sweetheart Pet Pageant.

Coney Island sideshow divas Sequinette and Bambi the Mermaid hosted the second-annual event at Sideshows by the Seashore on Surf Avenue. The familyoriented pageant featured a talent show, costume contest, and games.

Dozens of pets tried their best, but first place ultimately went to Cara, a Hungarian vizsla, and her owner Pasquale DeAngelis, while Lianna Daniells and her poodle, Lola, took second place.

Proceeds benefited the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



Bunny Love and Belvedere, a 6-year-old Chinese crested powder puff, showed the audience their tricks during the Sweetheart Pet Pageant in Coney Island on Saturday. Photos by Joe LaRusso



**At left**: Cara, a Hungarian vizsla, sits pretty as first-place winner with owner Pasquale DeAngelis, while runner up poodle Lola gets a hand from owner Lianna Daniells. **At right**: The "World Famous BOB" was on hand with poodle Movie Star – last year's winner – in tow.



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### WALMART GIVES TO MARSH FIX

#### BY THOMAS TRACY

Walmart is buying the love of environmentalists — and drawing the ire of its opponents — thanks to a \$100,000 donation it's making to the city's Marine Park Salt Marsh restoration project, which will be used to help spruce-up land near the site it is believed to be eyeing as a home for it's first store in Brooklyn.

The Aug. 4 donation angered Walmart opponents who believe that the chain is buying its way into Brooklyn: the \$100,000 check was cut just a few weeks after the company donated \$4 million to a city program that will help more than 1,000 Brooklyn teens get summer jobs, and became a sponsor of Borough President Markowitz's popular Crown Heights summer concert series.

Yet Jennifer May-Brust, Walmart's vice president of realty, said the donation was in line with the company's current charitable works.

"Walmart is serving more and more urban customers, and this is a natural extension of what we've been doing in rural and suburban communities for years," she said.

The money will help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers create 67 additional acres of marshland habitat around Jamaica Bay, which stretches from Marine Park to Queens.

The city's Department of Environmental Protection welcomed the financial boost.

"Over the last century, we have seen the Jamaica Bay Salt Marsh Islands reduced from 16,000 acres to less than 1,000," Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Cas Holloway said in a statement. "We are thrilled that Walmart has joined in this effort to reclaim one of New York City's hidden gems."

Walmart is believed to be eyeing the Gateway II shopping plaza, which abuts the wetlands, as a home for one of its big-box



A volunteer plants near the Marine Park salt marsh in April. Walmart recently donated towards more restoration efforts, prompting opponents to charge that the chain is trying to buy its way into Brooklyn. File photo by Steve Solomonson

stores. A Walmart the size

of three football fields could

also fit at the proposed Four

Sparrows Retail Center,

expected to be built at the

southern tip of Flatbush Av-

enue between Kings Plaza

and the Gil Hodges Memo-

rial Bridge, which is also

won't say where it's look-

ing, but the chain has spent

the last few months trying

to win over residents in

East New York, the nearest

neighborhood to the Gate-

held a private meeting with

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ers about the possibility

of bringing in a Walmart.

The meeting was forced to

move to a different location

when a group of protestors

showed up and picketed the

Barron (D-Canarsie), a

longtime opponent of Wal-

mart who often criticizes

the company's employment

practices, said the fact that

Walmart has been donating

heavily to the city proves

that it's trying to overcome

Councilman

Last month, Walmart

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near the protected area.

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an image problem.

"Walmart is a retail predator," said Barron. "And we're not going to be bribed by this corporation's chump change."

Yet Walmart says the donations have nothing to do with its image.

Spokesman Steven Restivo said Walmart has been donating goods and funds to the city for years — long before it thought about putting a store here.

"We've given more than \$13 million to New York since 2008 because many of our customers and suppliers live and work here," said Restivo. "Our critics are now just paying attention to this."

Councilman Lew Fidler (D–Marine Park), who is against big-box stores coming into the borough, said the donation was appreciated — but it wouldn't change his mind about Walmart.

"It's nice that they're showing a desire to help the community, but if they're expecting something in return, they will be disappointed," he said.





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### Hockey Continued from cover

An Islanders move to Brooklyn would enrage Madison Square Garden officials, whose Rangers currently have a monopoly in the city. But the Islanders' deal with the NHL only requires the team to stay on Long Island — a plot of land that includes Brooklyn at its western apex.

Last Tuesday, Borough President Markowitz all but donned an oversize jersey and a pair of skates, campaigning for the Islanders to move to Kings County.

"We've got lots of hockey fans, and since we're technically still on Long Island, they can call themselves the 'Brooklyn Islanders,'" Markowitz told our sister-publication, the New York Post. "If they come here, I would personally take the first spin on the Zamboni."

The venue is designed to hold 18.000 seats for basketball, but its capacity for hockey games would only be 14,500 seats, about 1,750 seats less than the Nassau Coliseum. It would be the smallest arena in the National Hockey League.

The Islanders drew an average of just over 11,000 last season, when they were 30-39-13 and failed to qualify for the playoffs.

Experts say the limited seating ar-

rangements may hinder the NHL from considering Brooklyn as a destination for a struggling franchise.

"The fact that they say it can sup port a hockey rink is not the same o saying that it can support a hocke rink up to National Hockey League standards," said Neil deMause, au thor of "Field of Schemes," an analy sis of stadium deals. "It's not a matte of taking out the first couple of rows - you'd have some seats that wouldn' have site lines that would work fo hockey."

For now, arena opponents have vowed review any plan that would require a redrawing of the Barclay Center plans.

"At a time that residents are mor concerned with their monthly bills they should not bear the cost of hockey franchise, including, but no limited, to infrastructure or retrofit ting the Barclays arena," said Coun cilwoman Letitia James (D-For Greene).

The Barclays Center will open in September, 2012, and host college hockey games and Disney on Ice, it addition to a full schedule of hoop dreams.

The larger Atlantic Yards projec which once called for 16 skyscrap ers and thousands of units of luxur and affordable housing - is stalled because of the economy, Ratner has said. Renting the Barclays Center to the Islanders for 40 home games could generate much-needed revenue.

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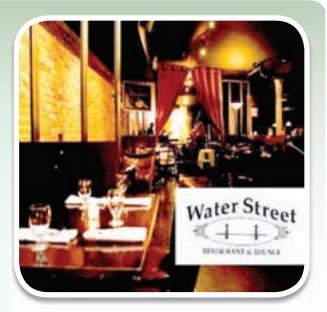
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Water Street's menu offers a wide variety of options, many with a Southern-fried touch; try the King Creole Catfish Salad, the Hank Williams Jambalaya, or a Hickory Spice Slow-Cooked Rack of Ribs. Sample fresh seafood at the Oyster Bar, or sit at the spacious 60-foot mahogany wood bar and enjoy one of the signature burgers. Lunch is served from 11am-4pm Monday through Saturday; Dinner is served 4:30pm to 11pm Sunday through Thursday and Midnight Friday and Saturday. Buy today's deal from Water Street Restaurant and enjoy delicious American fare in a comfortable, classic setting.



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### Crime

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hattan Beach Community Group-two warring bands of community activists that have disagreed over just about everything.

Last month, the two groups went to the mats over how the neighborhood should be patrolled. The Manhattan Beach Community Group wanted to look into bringing more stateof-the-art cameras and surveillance equipment to the neighborhood, as well as possibly recruiting a second community patrol to work alongside the Beachside Neighborhood Patrol, an unarmed private security force that has helped protect the neighborhood for nearly 40 years. In turn, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association defended the Beachside Patrol - yet still asked for help from the Shomrim Patrol.

"We've had an increase in crime in the area, so if the Shomrim wants to show their presence we would certainly welcome it," said



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Edmond Dweck, the association's spokesperson. "Any deterrents against crime is necessary, so [its] presence can only be a plus. The Beachside Patrol is doing a fine job, but their resources are limited."

Dweck added that, unlike the Manhattan Beach Community Group, the Beachside Patrol would be all Manhattan Beach needs if residents were willing to help pay for it. Manhattan Beach residents are asked to pay \$400 a year to have the security force, even though Beachside only patrols the neighborhood 72 hours a week.

The Flatbush Shomrim Patrol receives funds from the city and through donations.

Ira Zalcman, the president of the Manhattan Beach Community Group, feels that state-of-the-art surveillance cameras positioned throughout the

### Shomrim

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resources to where the bulk of the crime is, and there's not a lot of crime in Manhattan Beach."

Mastrokostas said that 25 robberies took place in the 61st Precinct, which includes also Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend and Homecrest, last month. Only one of those robberies took place in Manhattan Beach, he said.

"Manhattan Beach is a relatively safe place," Mastrokostas explained.

Yet burglaries are up: according to NYPD statistics: there have been nine in Manhattan Beach this year as opposed to just three in 2010.

Car break-ins in Man-

neighborhood would be a boon to any neighborhood patrol — as well as the police.

"Why should patrols go up and down the blocks aimlessly when you have access to cameras and can respond to crimes in progress," Zalcman said. "The technology is available, so if we can make it affordable, why not seize the opportunity"

But what about the Shomrim?

"I have no idea what they are doing there whatsoever," Zalcman said. "[The Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association] and I have different views on security."

Another Manhattan Beach Community Group member, who wished not to be named, had another theory.

"The Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association is paranoid," the member said. "The police always

hattan Beach are down,

albeit slightly — there

have been 17 this year,

three fewer than last

vear. Car thefts are also

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Manhattan Beach are ei-

ther the same or lower

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agree. They claim their

neighborhood is a target

for thieves hell-bent on

stealing from residents'

cars and homes. Their

only solution is to sup-

port the private Beachside

incidents that are not re-

ported," said resident Har-

old Weinberg at a Manhat-

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Association meeting. "The

only real patrol is private

"There are plenty more

Neighborhood Patrol.

Yet homeowners dis-

source explained.

"Right now crimes in

in 2010.

respond when we call, but they think it's not enough."

Cops, though they often praise the Shomrim's patrol efforts, don't think any additional security is needed in Manhattan Beach.

"Right now, crime in Manhattan Beach is the same or lower [than last year]," said one 61st Precinct cop. "No one's running around there robbing people at gunpoint. But if they're willing to pay for more peace of mind, that's up to them."

According to the 61st Precinct, there have only been three robberies and four car thefts in the neighborhood all year.

Burglaries are up. There have been nine this year — up from three in 2010.

There have also been 17 car break-ins, slightly less than the 21 that happened in the neighborhood last year, cops said.

patrols at Beachside."

But others — like Councilman Mike Nelson (D–Manhattan Beach), who was the victim of a larceny when he left his car unlocked one night last month — say homeowners must take more responsibility and make sure their cars and homes are secured.

"No matter how many times you get out of the car, you should lock it," said Nelson. "I found out the hard way."

Mastrokostas agreed, adding that Manhattan Beach's car break-in woes would diminish if residents remember to take their valuables out of their cars at night.

"People have to know that a car isn't their home," Mastrokostas said. "Nor is it a safe."

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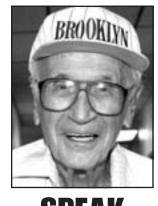
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Each day or two, our troop ship passed an island ripped apart by allied invaders against Japanese defenders, or, after a while, we'd spot the shattered Japanese islands that our Marine or Army brothers (or both!) decimated. We sailed almost forever, it seemed — and not once did we go down to sleep; six-high, in



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the hammock. Not once! Always, my bed blanket and sheet were hidden in a crate in a corner of the deck. At sundown, I spread it on a canvas-hatch to sleep on an open deck under the stars — I rarely did it, but if it did, I slept on an onion or potato crate undercover except one night, when the tropical rain poured under a swift nautical wind.

"Let us take cover," I said to Jon Jancik, my bedroll partner. We each spotted two unused beds on the deck above us!

It was after midnight, and no one occupied either — we took them and slept "high and dry" until a rude, shaking awakening — the First Mate! Ouch! He called out to the ship's captain: "Got these two airmen sleepin' in our bunks, Cap!"

He then gave us orders: "Report to Cap Quarters at 8 o'clock — in work clothes!" Who had special wardrobes at sea? But we wore what we had, this was war! We came promptly to the

angered Cap'n and we "yes sir'd" him as he ordered us to go to the bow of the enormous deck.

"Pronto, 8 o'clock!"

There, his first mate presented us with huge pails of heated gook that he called "grease."

We opened as partners, both on the bow, where we worked as a team. There were huge cables of ironed rope that we had to unroll, dropping down to the sea below, while our ship was in port off of another island. First I only would unroll the heavy cables that I had to cover with grease, as we rolled it back up topside. In reality, the cables did need greasing once in a while, protecting them from rust.

We were both covered with grease long before day's end, and our saltwater showers sadly lacked Ivory soap. We went on a 45-day sail, almost all over the South Pacific.

A few years later, a military newspaper printed two different columns of that memorable voyage. One version was written by an officer who also described the sail from that heavenly Hawaiian island of Kauai, across the vast corners of the Pacific, to our ultimate target, the southernmost Palau Island, called Angaur. Our next stop to the next area was for airstrips, so our bomber planes could fly in, go out to bomb the Japanese, and help drive them out of the Philippines.

that summer in the South Pacific were looking out at Peleliu, where the Japanese savagely defended their last bastion. In that harbor, we saw emergency tractors and small crafts carry wounded gallant U.S. Marines to a white hospital ship in that harbor. Navy bombers coordinated that multi-faceted invasion just one of the many vital steps it took to stop the Japanese attempt to conquer the world. (Isn't it strange how these thoughts of that horror war come back, just as we turned our calendar to August?)

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Yes, I really did turn on to August. Wishing you all the fine fruit of a twilight summer, and the pleasures that we fought so hard to preserve, now and forever!

The saddest 10 days of This is Lou Powsner.

### Gov. Carey

Continued from cover

rounded by family at his longtime summer home on Shelter Island, according to Gov. Cuomo's office.

Brooklynites who remembered Carey's many contributions during his 21year political career were heartbroken by the news.

"[Carey] created a legacy that few other New Yorkers can claim," said Sen. Charles Schumer, a Park Sloper himself.

Carey's legacy began on Park Place near Sixth Avenue, just paces away from St. Augustine's parochial and high school, which he attended.

The man who would be credited for saving New York from fiscal ruin in the 1970s grew up learning how economic calamities affect everyday citizens.

A child of the 1930s, he and his six brothers got a first-hand view of how the Great Depression nearly killed his father's burgeoning oil distribution business, former state Sen. Seymour Lachman explained in his biography about Carey, "The Man Who Saved New York."

Carey grew up in a embittered time when people distrusted government,



#### Gov. Hugh Carey

Lachman explained.

In fact, in a knee-jerk reaction to the Depression, as well as World War II, which loomed in the distance, Carey and his fellow classmates at St. John's University's Brooklyn campus lashed out against their apparent lack of opportunities, forming the "Life Stinks Club," he said.

"[It] was not a an organized fraternity, but a collective, cynical statement of sorts about what their prime years seemed to hold for them and their generation: a bad economy, military conflict and limited horizons," Lachman wrote.

But Carey's pessimistic outlook on life didn't last long: after serving with distinction in World War II, Carey married, became an attorney, and, although he was never considered part of Brooklyn's democratic machine, ran for Congress in 1960, besting a Republican incumbent on a pro-Catholic wave started by President John Kennedy.

In a district stretching from Park Slope to Bay Ridge, the seven-term congressman quickly rose in the ranks to become the chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

A staunch moderate, Carey managed to befriend most liberals by opposing the death penalty and by becoming the first Congressman to come out against the Vietnam War. He was also pro-Choice, although he became a strong pro-life advocate in the late 1980s, after he had retired from political life.

His 1974 candidacy for governor was wrought with setbacks — the first being the death of his wife Helen, who succumbed to cancer at the beginning of his campaign. Carey soldiered on, claiming that he promised his wife that he would continue.

But no one had rolled out the welcome mat for him: at the time, Brooklyn Democratic boss Meade Esposito told Carey that his "head would roll in the gutter" if he ran against the party's candidate, businessman Howard Samuels. Esposito's ultimatum only made Carey re-double his efforts, Lachman explained.

"The congressman liked the idea of running as a maverick Democrat, not beholden to the county leaders or their demands for jobs and laws and contracts from the victor," Lachman said.

That September, Carey secured the Democratic nomination, defeating Samuels with 61 percent of the vote. Then, riding a pro-Democrat sweep following Watergate and President Nixon's resignation, Carey defeated Republican incumbent Gov. Malcolm Wilson, getting 57 percent of the vote.

Yet he may have wished he hadn't: at the time, New York was in shambles and was about to fall into

is efforts, an economic abyss. ed. Carey quickly rose to man liked the occasion: during his in-

augural address, he set the tone of his freshman term, explaining that "This government will begin today the painful, difficult, imperative process of learning to live within its means."

He spent his first year in office creating agencies that gave him unfettered power over city and state finances, allowing him to reject all budgets and labor contracts and remove longstanding entitlement programs. Once he had wrangled control of the state's finances, he reached out to both business and labor getting banks to refinance the city's debt and unions to invest their pensions into its coffers.

Carey did all of this without the help of the federal government. At the time, President Ford had promised to veto any bailout bill for New York (a pledge that led to the famous, though somewhat inaccurate, New York Daily News headline: "Ford to City: Drop Dead!").

After a year in office, Carey had righted New York's fiscal ship enough to impress Ford, who approved \$2.3 billion in federal loan guarantees — pulling New York off the financial cliff it had teetered upon.

Carey is survived by 11 of his 14 children; 25 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.



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The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner. Auctioneer. License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & AS-SOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE Chase Home Finance, LLC, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 270 shares of stock of 469 EASTERN PARKWAY CORPORATION. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 469 EASTERN PKY, Apt. L, BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale be on August 18th, shall 2011 at 10:30AM at the foot of the Courthouse steps, facing Adams Street, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, Iocated at 360 Adams Attorneys for

LEGAL NOTICE Street. Brooklyn. 11201. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party Suite 301 cured party, will conduct makes no representa- Fishkill, NY 12524 tions or warranties as to 845.897.1600 the title or premises be-

ing sold herein. KINGS VILLAGE CORP. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sonal property now or sale. Victor Rawner, Auc-License 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & AS-SOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

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**NOTICE OF SALE** JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in accordance with subject to any tenants or its rights as current seoccupants of the subject cured party, will conduct the proprietary lease and 205 shares of stock of Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 35 SEACOAST TER, #4R BROOKLYN, NY 11235. Said sale fixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on

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the Supreme Court of the of foreclosure and sale. of New York, County of Kings, located Brooklyn, NY 11201. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or war- INDEX NO. 19831/05 ranties as to the title or Charles

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herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & AS-SOCIATES, P.C. Secured

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY 2004-A TRUST NYCTL AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2004-A TRUST; Plaintiff(s) STREET FULTON VS. CORPORA-HOI DING TION; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff es. (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES. P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301,

York, Fishkill. New 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 4, 2006, I will sell at Public Auction SSNY designated agent to the highest bidder at of LLC upon whom proa public sale of security: Kings County Supreme cess against it may be Court, 360 Adams Street, Rm 261, NY 11201. TOWER OWNERS, INC. On September 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM

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in-All that certain plot, piece cludes the fixtures and or parcel of land, with the articles of personal prop- buildings and improveerty now or hereafter af- ments thereon erected. situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn County of Kings, City and State of New York.

Block: 01991 Lot: 0106 Courthouse steps, As more particularly defacing Adams Street, of scribed in the judgment Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions at 360 Adams Street, contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of \$13,495.62 judgment plus interest and costs. Esq., REFEREE sold

> LEGAL NOTICE 2831 WEST **STREET LLC**, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on tion: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom against the LLC may be a copy of any process al.

#### LEGAL NOTICE against the LLC served

Keenan, 1965 Batchelder St., Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

BROOKLYN FUSION LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), Purpose: General. filed with the Sec of State of NY on 5/2/11. NY Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the Kings Co. SSNY desig-LLC served upon him/her nated as agent upon to The LLC, 1324 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226. General Purpos- mail copy of process to

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Den's Hot Dogs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secv. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/20/11. Of-Name: in Kings County. LLC Art. Of Org, Filed fice Sec. served. SSNY shall mail nated process to Denys Gorbatiuk, 105 Oceana Dr. E. NO. 4E, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Gener-

#### LEGAL NOTICE

FORTIS MANOR, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on Name of LLC: Esopus 6/15/11. NY Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom process upon against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process process against it may be against the LLC served served upon him/her to Andrew Greene, Esq., Andrew Greene & Associates, P.C., 202 Mamaroneck Ave.. 3rd Fl., White Plains, NY 10601. Gen-Canetanokis, eral Purposes.

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20TH Org. filed with Secy. of 5/11/11. NY Office loca- agent of LLC upon whom whom process against it served. SSNY shall mail process process to 2626 E. 14th St Ste 201, Brooklyn, NY served. SSNY shall mail 11235. Purpose: Gener- 11228. Purpose:

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Jiang Irving LLC. Arts. Notice of Formation of Office State of NY (SSNY) on Arts. of Org. filed with NY 6/2/11. Office in Kings Dept. of agent of LLC upon whom Kings County. process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail 163 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211. the principal business LEGAL NOTICE

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#### Name: KELLY FRAMEL LEGAL NOTICE LLC Art. Of Org, Filed

Sec. Of State of NY 04/06/2011. Off. Loc.: whom process against it may be served. SSNY to Kings tion: THE LLC, 161 North 4th Street, New York, NY Any LEGAL NOTICE NO VOLVERE,

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Sec. of State designated Notice of Formation of agent of LLC upon whom 79 Arts. and shall mail Secv. process to: c/o Business 187 Wolf fice location: Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY County. 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be Brooklyn, NY Purpose: any SSNY

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State on whom process against it filed Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process and shall mail process to lawful activity. address: 138 Newton St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Notice of Formation of ful activities. Purpose: all lawful pur-(SSNY) on 07/11/11. Of-

#### ASSISTED HOME CARE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY

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Notice of Formation of 566 MORGAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/05/11. Office loca-County. Princ. office of LLC: 98 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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57 St. Marks Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/24/11. Office location: Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: c/o John R. Cochran, III, Six Montchan DE 19807. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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KINGSLAND LLC. of Org. filed with of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/11. Of-Kings Princ. office of LLC: 234 Skillman Ave., 11211. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o James J. Matusiak, Esq., 1615 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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served. SSNY shall mail Notice of Formation of process to: c/o Zalman Apollo Windows & Metal Schochet. Studs LLC. Arts. of Org. Broadway, filed with Sec. of State of New York, NY 10007. NY (SSNY) on 12/21/05. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of DN+6 Construction Co., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed ed as agent of LLC upon with NY Dept. of State on 6/7/11. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 9311 Glenwood Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: any lawful ac tivity.

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Notice of Formation of FIGHTING SQUARES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/11/11. Oflocation: fice Kinas County. Princ. office of LLC: Neil Gust, 60 Broadway, 6F, Brooklyn, NY 11211. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of JESSICA CHESLER PRO-DUCTIONS LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 423 1st Street #1, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any Lawful Pur-



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LEGAL NOTICE Hampshire Asset Man- Name: SAMHOURY LLC agement LLC. Arts. of Art. Of Org, Filed Sec. Of State of NY 05/17/2011. State of NY (SSNY) on Off. Loc.: Kings Co. 6/16/11. Office in Kings Chryssa Samhoury desig-County. SSNY designated nated as agent upon process against it may be may be served. SSNY to

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mail copy of process to LLC, 1317 76<sup>™</sup> THF Street, Brooklyn, Any lawful act or activity.

State of NY 04/27/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desigas agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, THE LLC C/O, Alejandra Parra, 436 Van Brunt, Apt. 4., Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any

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LEGAL NOTICE Creek Pictures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 6/28/11.

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Notice of formation of NOTICE OF FORMATION LAM NYC EB-5 FUND of limited liability compa-LLC Arts. of Org. filed ny (LLC). Name: AMANAwith the Sectly of State of CORE LLC. Articles of Or-NΥ (SSNY) 3/24/2011. Office loca-County of Kings. tion. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon against it may be served. LLC upon whom process SSNY shall mail process against it may be served. to: c/o Zalman Schochet, Esq., 225 Broadway, 39th Floor, New York, NY Purpose: any 10007 lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of LIA Harlem LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY): 6/24/11. Off. loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1465A Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JABOR LLĆ Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/31/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE 949 EAST 99TH LLC STREET BROOKLYN. NY 11236 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. BG-6X 7/21, 28, 8/4, 11, 18, 25, 2011.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Name: Project (LLC). Fathom, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on May 21, 2009. NY Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it be served. SSNY mav mail copy of proshall UNITED Cess to: C/O CORPORATION STATES AGENTS, INC. 7014 AVENUE, SUITE 13TH 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. BG-6X 7/21, 28, 8/4, 11, 18, 25, 2011.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MENT VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York 05/25/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process Purpose: any lawful pur-

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#### REALTY LLC. Articles of LEGAL NOTICE Organization filed with Secretary of State of New NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compaon 02/10/2011. Office locany (LLC). Name: EAST 26TH PROPERTY tion: Kings County. SSNY LLC. designated as agent of Articles of Organization LLC upon whom process filed with Secretary of against it may be served. State of New York (SSNY) SSNY shall mail copy of on 04/22/2011. Office process to:THE LLC 81 location: Kings County. CARLTON AVE BROOK-SSNY designated LYN, NY 11205. Puragent of LLC upon whom

pose: any lawful purpose. process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O LEGAL NOTICE UNITED STATES CORPO-NOTICE OF FORMATION AGENTS, RATION 13TH 7014 of limited liability compa-SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, ny (LLC). Name: CANE NY 11228 Purpose: any COZIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with lawful purpose. Secretary of State of New LEGAL NOTICE (SSNY) on 05/31/2011. Office loca-NOTICE OF FORMATION tion: Kings County. SSNY of limited liability compadesignated as agent of (LLC). Name: KRYSnv LLC upon whom process TAL CLEAR GRAPHIC DEagainst it may be served. SIGNER LLC. Articles of SSNY shall mail copy of Organization filed with process to: C/O UNITED Secretary of State of New CORPORATION (SSNY) York INC. 7014 04/18/2011. Office loca-

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(LLC). Name: RATRONIN STUDIOS, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/16/2011. Office location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KEITH A. MILLER 344-A 19TH

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11215 York (SSNY) on 08/01/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 148 GEORGE FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11237. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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> as LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability companv (LLC). Name: JENNI-FER BANDES INTEGRA-INC. TIVE CONSULTING LLC. ÁVENUE. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/16/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom CHITECT, PLLC. Articles process against it may be of Organization filed with served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPO-INC. RATION AGENTS, 7014 13TH AVENUE 202 BROOKLYN, SUITE on NY 11228. Purpose: any

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compa-(LLC). Name: NYC nv PEDALS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York ٥n 06/02/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process NOTICE OF FORMATION against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 377 ny (LLC). Name: 1 OF A SOUTH 4TH STREET HEALTH BROOKLYN, NY 11211. CARE L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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> 11235-5558 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. BG-6X 7/14, 21, 28, 8/4, 11, 18, 2011.

tion: Kings County. SSNY Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: WINES & LIQUORS LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/31/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

> copy of process to: THE 1707 BROADWAY 11C BROOKLYN, NY 11207 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 28, 8/4, 11, 18, 2011.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compa-(LLC). Name: nv MI-CHAEL GRANVILLE AR-Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 03/28/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MICHAEL ED-

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ACME BICYCLE COMPANY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/07/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom served. SSNY shall mail

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NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GO-HOLDINGS, CFN Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/21/11. The LLC was originally filed with the Secretary of State of Florida on 04/08/11. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Thomas R. Sawyer II, 1400 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 102, Fort Lauderdale. Florida 33334. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: FOCUS PRIVATE TIONS, LLC. Articles of

Organization Secretary of State of New York 06/24/2011, Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 189 SCHERMERHORN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201. process against it may be Purpose: any lawful purnose

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COMPANY. NAME: MOTT STREET BAKING COMPA-NY, LLC. Articles of Or-SSNY shall mail copy of ganization were filed with process to: KATHLEEN the Secretary of State of SANCHEZ 135 PROS-New York (SSNY) on PECT PARK, SW Apt. F5 04/13/10. Office loca-BROOKLYN, NY 11218 tion: Kings County. SSNY Purpose: any lawful purhas been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it LEGAL NOTICE may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of pro-NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY. NAME: 79 EAGLE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were pose. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/28/11. Office lo-Kings County. cation: SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC whom upon process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 854 Humboldt Street, Brooklvn. New York 11222. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company. NAME: 756 McDONALD LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 09/17/10. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 765 McDonald Avenue Brooklyn. New York 11218. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. BG 6X-7/21, 28, 8/4, 11, 8, 25

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LIMITED LIABILITY cess to the LLC, 7605 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: For any lawful pur-

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THIRD CHILD, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/24/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 534 FLATBUSH AVENUE. #204 BROOKLYN, NY Purpose: 11225. anv lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION 0F LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: A.J.F. ENTERPRISES L.L.C.. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/27/11. Oflocation: Kings fice County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC. c/o Andrew Flitt, Clinton Street. 531 Brooklyn, New York 11231. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.



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#### 'Sock-it-to-'em' Shav

To the editor,

Shavana Abruzzo, you always write such reasonable, sock-it-to-'em articles, but "Is Linda Sar-serious?" beats them all (*A Britisher's View*, July 28).

Wow! Where do all those wonderfully descriptive sentences come from? You must've been born with a pen in your hand, and with a truly creative mind.

Gotta tell you, I first starting subscribing to this newspaper a few years ago while looking for employment, but now subscribe mainly because of Stanley Gershbein (*It's Only My Opinion*) and you.

Love you both, along with the others. As an aside, I wish I could hear your columns, so I could hear your charming English accent.

It's a nice change from the Brooklynese I hear daily! :.)

Joan Applepie Mill Basin

#### Alan's 'gibberish'

To the editor,

Alan Podhaizer, a Marty Markowitz "hanger-on" wrote a bunch of gibberish in his letter about the soon-to-be-forgotten construction of an 8,000-seat amphitheater in Asser Levy Park ("What the fact?" Letters to the Editor, July 21).

He writes: "Money in a capital budget is set by the mayor and City Council, and must be used for the project it is set aside for." Well, our small but dedicated group of local residents have thrown a legal monkey wrench into our borough president's grotesque plan to turn Asser Levy Park into an asphalt amphitheater.

So what happens now to the millions of dollars that Mr. Podhaizer claims can only be used for the now halted construction of this dreaded monstrosity? The answer is obvious — it can hopefully be used for any other project that the people of this city can benefit from.

Mr. Podhaizer also mocks our local petition of over 13,000 signatures against the building of this proposed amphitheater. It would be enlightening to see if Mr. Podhaizer and all the other favor-seekers and groupies around Mr. Markowitz can come

#### LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Letters to the Editor should be addressed to Vince DiMiceli, Editor, Courier Life Publications, 1 MetroTech Center North, Brooklyn, New York 11201, or sent via e-mail to editorial@cnglocal.com. All letters, including those submitted via email, MUST be signed and the individual's verifiable address and telephone number included. Note that the address and telephone number will NOT be published and the name will be published or withheld on request. No unsigned letters can be accepted for publication. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions which become the property of Courier Life Publications.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

up with any appreciable amount of signatures in "support" of this 10-story high, 8,000-seat leviathan that would have been located in the midst of a very congested residential area.

I seriously doubt that they can succeed in this endeavor because Mr. Podhaizer and his ilk are too busy seeking political handouts!

> Alvin Turk Coney Island

#### Albany's pol-iday

To the editor,

The legislative session is over, and state senators and assembly members have left Albany.

They have actively discussed how to keep rent stabilized for individuals making up to \$200,000, annually. Lawmakers are so concerned about these poor people! However, they have again abandoned and ignored shareholders of cooperative buildings who usually make \$30,000-\$40,000.

A number of bills about co-op issues have been pending for a very long, some of them for 10 years. It makes the law base insufficient to fight with greedy sponsors and corrupted boards of directors, and gives the state attorney general the right to say that it's not in our jurisdiction.

Courts are not affordable with their endless battles, and it affects a huge amount of people. In the city, there are close to 370,000 co-op apartments inhabited by about one million people.

Some daily newspapers publish foreclosure announcements for co-ops in every issue, but nobody cares.

We created the Cooperative Community Organization to fight for our rights. You can join us through our Facebook blog by typing "Coop: fraud against shareholders".

Looks like, self-defense is the only way to survive.

Alex Litvak Midwood

#### Capitol Hill 'criminals'

To the editor,

The focus is on the debt-ceiling debate while a real crisis is unfolding on Capitol Hill.

The media is giving only sporadic coverage to Operation Fast and Furious. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has enabled straw buyers to purchase assault weapons which wound up in Mexico with the drug cartels. Two of those weapons were used to murder two border patrol officers. Acting Director Kenneth Melton could not — on his own authority — permit those sales unless his boss, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, gave his okay — and Holder had to have permission from Obama.

Since they are all taking credit for its success, they must also be responsible if

it goes sour. They knew, or should have known, that these weapons would be used to commit crimes by allowing sales that would not otherwise be allowed by law. This is a crime and also an impeachable offense, yet where is the media attention?

These three men are likely accessories to murders. The media should be all over this as it was over Watergate when it wanted former President Nixon's head on a plate for lying to protect his friends.

This present issue is about possible complicity in murders, and the stonewalling of investigations by the government, yet there is precious little media coverage. The people are entitled to know if their leaders are criminals!

David Podesta Marine Park

#### Senior watch

To the editor,

As members of Congress and President Obama seek a resolution to the nation's fiscal woes, seniors in New York and around the country must not be sacrificed for the sake of a stronger balance sheet.

Programs such as Medicare and Social Security are vital to seniors and must not be used as bargaining chips in negotiations over the nation's debt limit. Half of all seniors rely on Social Security for 50 percent or more of their income, and Medicare beneficiaries already pay an average of \$5,500 each year in out of pocket costs for their medical benefits.

Any loss of benefits or increase in costs would prove catastrophic to countless seniors, robbing them of their financial security and health at a time when they are most in need of support.

Social Security did not contribute to the nation's debt. Does it really make sense for it to be included in debt negotiations now taking place in Washington, D.C.?

Seniors deserve peace of mind. They need to know Medicare will always provide the affordable health care they depend on and that the promise of Social Security, which they have paid into all their lives, will always be honored.

The nation must deal with its debt crisis. Seniors understand that hard choices must be made, but arbitrary spending limits, privatization plans or plans that would reduce benefits are not acceptable. Balancing the budget is important to the nation's long-term well being, but protecting Medicare and Social Security is essential to the immediate well-being of the nation's seniors.

They must not become bargaining chips.

Marilyn Pinsky The writer is the state president of the American Association of Retired Persons

In the 1970s and 1980s I was not a senior citizen, but I kept hearing the name Claude Pepper. He was a senator from Florida and always fought for the rights of senior citizens. He would never take a back seat when it came to seniors getting their Social Security checks, and other needs they were entitled to.

The other person who took up the cause was the late Sen. Edward Kennedy (D–Mass.), especially when it came Medicare for all. In my mind, he was a real trooper. We now have Sen. Bernie Sanders (I–Vt.), who speaks for all seniors, but I've not heard one word from our local politicians trying to help their senior community.

They seem to have other concerns on their minds, such as travelers stuck on planes for hours, and supporting two wars that have cost us the lives of our men and women, and countless amount of money. Also, how much has been spent on our space program? Has the average local family made any finical gains from these programs? I think not. Think how much money could have been saved and put into the economy where this debate about entitlements would not be an issue.

Some states around the country recall a politician when they don't think he or she is doing the right thing. I wish New York had a similar policy.

The big talk now is how to cut Social Security and Medicare when prices of gas, rent, food and transportation are going up. I hear that the cost of living hasn't gone up, but how come prices in the store don't reflect this?

What New York needs is a real Bernie Sanders, who will speak up for the middle and lower class as a true voice of the people.

> Jerry Sattler Brighton Beach

#### Food for thought

To the editor,

First Lady Michele Obama would like to bring healthier foods, such as fruits and vegetables, to neighborhoods were supermarkets are scarce. Her intentions are good but this just won't work.

Most people already have access to supermarkets and neighborhood stores that carry vegetables even if they are frozen that have the same and even more vitamins, minerals and health benefits as fresh ones. People will travel on trains and buses and any other way they can to shop at malls, go to movies or go into the city for entertainment, so why not for fruits and veggies once in a while?

Don't forget they have to be cleaned and cooked as well — another reason for not serving them at home because it's too much time and work. It's a lot easier to order out or go get some fast food.

Remember you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.

Michael Mangiari Dyker Heights

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## Brooklyn's Walmart

everal years ago I was at a Walmart that was being picketed. The funny thing was, as the picketers were trying to teach shoppers that this was not a union store, their own wives, sisters, and mothers were inside shopping.

And why not?

Walmart has one-stop shopping and competitive prices; its products are fresh, the sales are great, and the service is as good as one can get. You are very lucky if you reside near a Walmart.

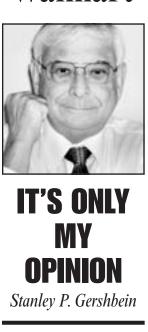
It is unfortunate that we in Brooklyn do not.

Every time there is the possibility of one coming to town, it is shot down by those who claim there are three jobs lost for every two created by the company. Where were they when Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples, BJ's and Costco came to town? Why are they so concerned about stopping progress now?

Then they tell us that Walmart sells goods that are manufactured in countries where the workers are earning low wages. I spent a lot of time in the men's department of Kohl's searching for items that are made in the U.S.A. There aren't any. Even American icons that we grew up with, such as Levi's, Jockey and Arrow shirts, are made elsewhere.

Why is there no outcry about that?

I think there's a bigger story here. They say that Walmart's employees are not union and therefore they are mistreated and blah blah. I find it odd that my congressman seems to have more concern for 40 employees than he has for 5,000 constituents. I have a sneaking suspicion that Mr. and Ms. Politician are bothered by a non-union company affecting their own interests. If there is anything we have learned this past year, it is that those who are running for election are dependent on campaign contributions from organized labor. More than our council member's concern for the employee, much more than our Assembly person's worries about his constituents, the folks who represent us in government worry more about their own tushes. Don't



#### you believe they are not.

In this never-ending discussion about government waste, I am focusing my attention this week on the United States Navy and two ships that were never completed. Our heavyweights in the Pentagon have decided, after investing more than \$300 million dollars for their construction. the Henry Eckford and the Benjamin Isherwood are not needed.

As of this moment both vessels are heading for the scrap heap. To add insult to injury, Mr. Raisman, our Navy has awarded a \$10million contract to a British firm to do the dismantling. Were they not able to find enough unemployed Americans to do the job?

In the current climate of government overspending, when we're talking billions and trillions, \$310 million doesn't seem like much, but take \$310 million here and \$310 million there, and before you know it, we're talking about real money.

If I were one of the 50 percent of this nation that paid no income tax and received two years of unemployment along with food stamps and other benefits from the government, I would probably vote for President Obama next vear. I am StanGershbein@BellSouth.net telling you that even with his poll numbers at an all-time low. don't count him out.

## Where Stan stands on Hail our wag-nificent pals

ours after insurgents killed 26-year-old British soldier Lance Cpl. Liam Tasker in Afghanistan earlier this year, his military war dog, Theo, collapsed and died of a seizure.

The pair had been inseparable, and unearthed a record-breaking 14 stashes of bombs and weapons together, likely saving countless lives.

And when 20-year-old U.S. Marine Cpl. Dustin Lee was killed in a mortar attack in Iraq in Dec. 2007, his combat partner — a bomb-sniffing war dog named Lex — was so overcome by grief that he had to be removed from the soldier's side by other servicemembers so that the medics could reach him.

Also, it took the wiles of a super-dog to bring down a super-rat, and when President Obama personally thanked the mighty SEALs who killed Osama bin Laden in a daring May 2 raid, only one of the elite commandos was identified by name — Cairo, the military war dog who led the troopers to the world's most wanted terrorist.

August 26 is National Dog Day, and a time to remember Theo, Lex, Cairo and all the other dogs without whom the world would be a lot less wag-nificent

Whether a pet or a service dog,



man's best friend is also a good Samaritan, toiling around the clock to save our lives, keep us safe, and bring us joy and comfort. Even as you read this, a dog somewhere is busy assisting law enforcement, helping blind people "see," guiding a disabled child to recovery, gently extricating victims of catastrophes from rubble, and preserving our security by sniffing out drugs and improvised explosive devices — or literally going to the depths of the earth for us.

Upstate seniors Eve and Norman Fertig can thank their pet pooch. Shana, for saving their lives.

The Fertigs, both 81 years old, were tending to sick birds on their property in Oct. 2006 when a snowstorm plunged a crisp fall day into a wintery nightmare, trapping the couple in a wilderness of snapping trees. Neither of them was dressed for the sudden turn in the weather, and both were prepared for the worst, when Shana — a half-wolf, half-German shepherd - sprang into action, spending two hours digging a tunnel back to the house about 200 feet away, and another three hours pulling the pair to safety — with Eve tossed across Shana's back and Norman holding onto his wife's legs.

Shana received the Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment's Hero's Award for her bravery, an award usually reserved for humans.

Courageous canines have deservedly been cherished in bronze for future generations to marvel over, too.

The statue of Balto, by Brooklynborn sculptor Frederick George Richard Roth, immortalizes the Siberian husky sled dog on a rock outcropping in Central Park, north of the zoo. Balto helped to transport urgent medicine to Alaska when a terrible outbreak of diphtheria struck the city of Nome in 1925, leading mushers through a blinding blizzard across 674 miles of harsh terrain to deliver the life-saving supplies.

National Dog Day is an opportunity to take a moment out to celebrate these skilled, smart and woof-tastic creatures, who have improved our lives and shaped our destinies — while showering us with unconditional love like no other force of nature.

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I'm going bonzo over the Bongo fiasco

eally? A lost Beanie Baby. This is what Ne use our ink and pixels for? In a world where children are kidnapped and murdered, does Jack Zinzi and Bonnie Marcus really want us to feel sorry for their lost stuffed monkey?

Or, should I say, do we really give a banana about Bongo?

If Bongo was so important, the daffy duo should have left it home with its three siblings Do, Re and Mi, where stuffed Beanie Babies belong, and not hanging out of Zinzi's back pocket on the way to a Park Slope restaurant where the danger of it going astray was great.

Better yet, if Zinzi really had to take it to eat, then he should have used a totleash. That way when it fell out his back pocket, it could just be scooped up. Oh, but wait. That would have damaged Bongo's delicate



Joanna DelBuono

psyche. How silly of me. Af-

ter all, Beanie Babies need

to be free and unfettered,

to experience the outside

world. Better Zinzi cry than

all supposing that Bongo

accidently fell out, maybe

On the other hand, we're

Bongo. Yeah right.

wanted to experience the world and it really ran away from its overbearing overstuffed owners. Zinzi likened Bongo's

the adventurous ape just

loss to "losing a child," adding, "It's really hearbreaking.

#### Is he kidding?

Where does he come off comparing the loss of a stuffed toy to the loss of a living, breathing child? And if he really feels this way, he has some really serious issues to confront.

How can he even imagine that the loss of a stuffed toy can compare? No matter how many sentiments a treasured toy may hold, it's still a toy, a non-living, non-giving, non functioning thing.

No matter how many times Zinzi and Marcus spoke to it, carried it, or lavished it with affection, it was still a thing, and things — yes even a treasured Beanie Baby

thing — can be replaced.

To the parents that have lost a child. Zinzi's statement is an insult. Mr. Zinzi and his partner can easily replace Bongo by going out and buying another Beanie Baby, but to parents that have lost a child, their pain is endless, their loss immeasurable and nothing can ever, ever heal their hearts or replace their loss.

Maybe Zinzi should talk to the parents of Leiby Kletzky and see how they feel about his lost monkey.

This whole thing has been one terrible waste of time and effort.

These two looney tunes need to get a grip on reality and some serious counseling.

Not for Nuthin<sup>™</sup>, but the grieving pair should save their \$500 reward money and spend it at a therapist's office to get some muchneeded help.

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### Screecher's heavenly vacation at Villa Roma

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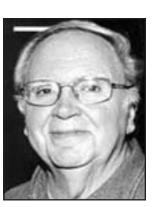
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'm madder than Rip Van Winkle right when he woke up and realized he missed his entire life over the fact that my kids - God love them — made us stop going on our annual family vacation to Villa Roma Country Club 25 years ago! Just think of all the great food I missed!

Look, back in the 1970s and '80s, Villa Roma was the place to be for every Italian, wannabe Italian, or Italian food lover in New York that wanted to escape the heat of the city for the Catskills, where they could sit by the pool, go golfing, and eat some of the best food you'd ever be served.

And that's what we used to do - every summer without fail — until my son Carl and daughter Dana decided they would rather hang out with their friends than dear-old-dad during the dog days of summer.

So we stopped going and Sharon and I had to give up all that food and sun. I never forgave them



#### BIG **SCREECHER** Carmine Santa Maria

for that — until now.

That's because I'm sitting in Villa Roma right now, with my family all around me.

Wanna hear how it happened? No? Then stick some cannolis in your ears, because I'm going to tell you anvwav.

Look, you all know my

mother-in-law is Jewish, and last year I regaled you with our adventure at one of the last remaining kosher resorts in the "Borscht Belt," when we didn't have the best of times. Why? I told you that last year, but I'll refresh your memory with just one word: the food stunk.

So this year, Sharon suggested we go to Villa Roma as we've done in the past.

Now, I know what your thinking: Carmine, how can you take an old Jewish lady who's used to the food at Kutshers to Villa Roma? What is she going to eat?

Ha! What you don't know is even though Irene swears Jewish food is the best, her favorite take-out place is (here's this week's shameless plug) Mamma Mia on Bath Avenue — where she prefers the veal *parmigiana*, shrimp oreganata, spaghetti, and, of course, pizza.

So it was a quick sell when we showed her Villa Roma's menu on the Interweb, and the next thing I knew, all of us were on the Thruway headed to beautiful Calicoon, NY, and the seven hills of Villa Roma!

And I couldn't be happier. Surrounded by my family — grandkids Jake, Cassandra, Dean, Alexa, Michael, and Vanessa; my kids, Carl and Dana; my loving wife Sharon: and, of course, her mom Irene - we spent the week eating, swimming, eating some more, and doing other things you do at the country club when we're not eating.

The greatest thing was being back in the old stomping grounds and letting my grandkids learn first-hand what it was like for us before they were born.

We got to tell them some stories that delve into the family history — like how Poppi (that's me!) found his bride at the old Concord Hotel — where I taught her dancing at the Tony & Marie Studio and literally swept her off her feet, thank you very much — when we passed the site of that old place in Monticello.

And they got a chance to experience Villa Roma's fabulous, belly-stuffing seven-course "Caesar's Night" — just like we did in days gone by! Sure, they were a bit turned off by the the cappozelles (half a lamb's skull served on a plate with its eye looking at you) but if you asked me, I'd tell you it's the only way to eat!

When we were done on Caesar's Night, my biggest concern was that I wouldn't be able to fit through the doors to get out. Thankfully, management was smart enough to install double doors into the dining room. I just wish it did the same at the entrance to my suite!

OK, I admit it — 25 years ago I was a little bit thinner. You all know that I had dark brown hair. I could walk. I could swim and dance. And I weighed 160 pounds. Today, I weigh 320, my hair — what's left of it — is gray, I can't walk or stand, and I don't dance (but I can teach it from my scooter, Tornado).

pool and mangia with the best of them — and where else would this fattie wanna be but at the Villa Roma surrounded by his family?

Even with my disabilities, Villa Roma offers the best the Catskills has to offer. Its \$127-million rebuilding project brought 150-seat café, a ballroom, cocktail lounge and piano bar, and just pure pleasure and fun. You can go bowling, rock climbing, downhill skiing, and golfing all on site. There's indoor tennis and racquetball courts, swimming pools, a jacuzzi and spa services and an arcade and game room!

But I'll leave that to vouse guys. Me? I'll just float in the pool and eat while I smother myself in the love of my family.

Now's the point in the column where I thank my mother-in-law (or "Great Ma" — as her great-grandchildren affectionately call her) for giving us this great time. It was truly a pleasure! Screech at you next

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And I can still float in the week!



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## The best toilet in America?

### Habana Outpost's recycled rainwater loo goes for the gold in national contest

#### **BY KATE BRIQUELET**

The best toilet in the country could be right here in Fort Greene!

The commode at Habana Outpost on Fulton Street is one of 10 finalists vying for the honor of "America's Best Restroom" — an annual competition for the can with panache.

"I don't know how we got into the contest, but now I so badly want to win," said Sean Meenan, owner of the Outpost. "I want to bring it back to Brooklyn!"

The Cuba- and greenthemed boite at S. Portland Avenue has a water closet with a glass roof and hanging plants in every corner, making diners feel as though they're flushing directly into the turquoise blue waters of the Caribbean.

But most important, the eco-eatery's two crappers

run on recycled rainwater that's captured and stored in a rooftop holding tank. And this loo has academic credentials, too: Architecture students designed the setup in 2007 through the Outpost's nonprofit Urban Studio Brooklyn.

"I'm not an architect, I'm just a guy who makes tacos," Meenan said. "We caught the fever of environmentalism and we're doing the right thing."

The Outpost faces some estimable contenders, including a Las Vegas casino with urinals mounted on a chunk of the Berlin Wall and a ritzy restroom trailer in Virginia set up for President Obama's inauguration.

The closest adversary is Gaphattan restaurant Ninja New York — which has toilets with seat warmers, water spray and a blow



Habana Outpost's toilet looks, feels and flushes the same as a normal loo, but the eco-friendly crapper may just be the best toilet in America. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

drier for your butt.

But Outpost fans are certain that Brooklyn end up with victorious.

"Habana is a trendsetter — if anyone is going to get the award, it's them," said Crown Heights resident Jill Knight.

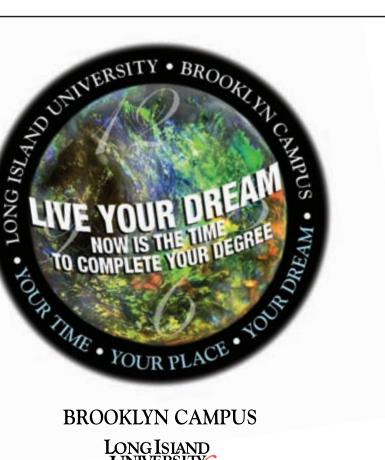
Habana Outpost is the ultimate green eatery. As the city's first solar-powered restaurant, it boasts a solar-charged chandelier, a smoothie blender powered via exercise bike, and cutlery made of corn plastic. This year, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden designated the Outpost as the borough's "greenest storefront."

Beyond the eco-conscious grub and setting, Meenan's Urban Studio Brooklyn — a summer workshop for architecture students — is now planting a community garden at a Bedford-Stuyvesant charter school.

Ohio-based Cintas Corporation, which manufactures work uniforms and restroom supplies, sponsors the "America's Best Restroom." The company launched the contest 10 years ago to celebrate local establishments with highend hygiene.

To vote for Habana Outpost, visit www.bestrestroom.com by Sept. 19.

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## Boro beat



Diehard Aretha Franklin fan Nadine Dacruz was all smiles throughout the hour and a half Coney Island concert at the corner of W. 21st Street and Surf Avenue on Thursday. Photos by Steve Solomonson

### ALL HAIL THE QUEEN OF SOUL!

#### BY THOMAS TRACY She socked it to us!

Aretha Franklin, the certified Queen of Soul, wowed thousands during a stunning standing-room-only concert in Coney Island on Aug. 4 — giving Brooklyn the R-E-S-P-E-C-T it deserves.

After having canceled twice on Brooklynites last year, the 69-year-old diva gave more than 10,000 fans a vibrant sampling of musical styles, from her classic hits like, "A Natural Woman," "Chain of Fools," and "Think," to a super-charged tone-setting rendition of Jackie Wilson's "Higher and Higher" and a soulful, gospel take on Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge over Troubled Waters."

Looking resplendent in a purple gown that clearly solidified her position in music royalty, Franklin showed no signs of slowing down as she sauntered across the Seaside Summer Concert Series stage at the corner of Surf Avenue and W. 21st Street during the 90-minute concert even though it was reported that she was performing on a broken toe.

Thursday's concert was Franklin's first performance in Brooklyn. She had canceled two shows last summer at Wingate Field in Crown Heights and at Asser Levy Seaside Park, where the Seaside Summer Concert Series was previously held, blam-



Legendary Soul Queen Aretha Franklin attracted such a big crowd that it was standing room only.

ing a set of fractured ribs and abdominal pain she suffered following a fall.

But she made it a point to

come to Brooklyn this year and Borough President Markowitz was overjoyed that Franklin kept her promise to "have a footlong hot dog at Coney Island."

"The Queen of Soul put on a regal performance in the County of Kings," Markowitz said. "You think it gets any better than that, fungeddaboudit!"

Markowitz's Seaside Summer Concert Series continues next week with a Latino Music Festival on Aug. 11. The series then wraps up on Aug. 18 with a performance by Cheap Trick.

Seaside Summer Concert Series [W. 21 Street between Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (718) 222-0600], July 14 through Aug. 18 at 7:30 pm. Free. For info, visit, www. brooklynconcerts.com/seaside. html.



So many people showed up to hear the legendary singer, the crowd spilled out onto the Boardwalk and adjoining side-street.

### CHAMPS IN THE RING AND THE CLASSROOM

#### BY HARU CORYNE

The gloves have finally come off. The young champions of this year's New York Boxing Tournament, studious sluggers all, got their moment in the sun on Friday at their home gym in Flatbush when they were praised for their prowess in the ring and the classroom.

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes joined Assemblyman Nick Perry (D–East Flatbush) in celebrating the Atlas Cops and Kids boxing team after their slamming July 30 victory in Gleason's Gym in DUMBO over pugilists from around the city and state.

"It was fantastic for the kids, because they really don't get recognized," said Pat Russo, the boxing team's director and a retired Police Department sergeant. "The kids felt very proud and honored to have important city officials make time for them."

Dozens of neighborhood politicians and community leaders poured into the Flatbush Gardens Boxing Gym, which is on E. 34th Street between Newkirk Avenue and Victor Road, to praise the educational benefit it has had on neighborhood youths. Meanwhile, Hynes presented nine boxers — four champions, five honorable mentions — with plaques commemorating their achievements.

"It felt good, because I've never had that kind of attention before," said 15-year-old Brandon Cox, a student at Edward R. Murrow High School in Midwood, who won his final bout in the 125-pound weight class.

Once a struggling student, Cox turned it around when it was made clear that his poor grades could take boxing from him entirely.

"They told me I couldn't box unless I improved," he said. "So now, I'm one of the top students [in my grade]. I'm passing all my classes." Cox says he now has his sights on the Golden Gloves, amateur boxing's most prestigious award – and after that, college.

The other champions recognized were 14-year-old Jonibeck Khotamov from Flatbush, 15-year-old Julian Sosa



The champs of the Atlas Cops and Kids Boxing Team were awarded not only for their victory in the ring, but in the classroom as well. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

from Sunset Park, and 18-year-old Hamzah Alzuni, a fighter from Columbia Heights who received a \$1,000 scholarship to further his criminology education at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Still, for Maria Venier, the team's

trainer and a Golden Gloves winner herself, a check and a plaque are all well and good, but it's the confidence boost that really pays off.

"You give a kid a belt to strap around his waist, and you keep telling him how special he is, eventually, it'll stick," she said.

### STANDING Brooklyn's Biggest Booster by Joanna DelBuono

### Merry-go-round almost up and open

#### DUMBO

It took more than 20 years for **Jane Walentas** to complete the restoration of the 1929 carousel made by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company that will permanently reside in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Our good pal Jane (below) will be lauded for her outstanding contributions to the arts by Moore College, her alma mater, with the "Visionary Woman Award" in October and her exhibit, which chronicles her experience, Jane's Carousel: The Making of a New York Landmark, will be on display in the Levy Gallery for the Arts in Philadelphia from Sept. 24 through Dec. 10.



Okie dokie, Philly got the exhibit, but we got the carousel (a much better deal). If you're jonesing for a Philly cheese-steak, you can visit the City of Brotherly Love and view the exhibit, but it's so much better if you stay here, go for the brass ring on the merry-go-round and chow down on a Nathan's famous with a Dr. Brown Celeray soda. Standing O is warming up its brass ring catching arm.

#### **DYKER HEIGHTS**

#### **College cashola**

College student **George Chachati** is the recipient of an "Education Assistance scholarship" from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The world's largest fraternal organization awards scholarship money to deserving students of members based on grades, comservice munity and need. George, whose dad Neman, a Free Mason member for 25 years, is a premed student at



SUNY Stoney Brook, and already has one year of schooling under his belt, finishing his freshman year with a GPA of 3.7. He anticipates graduating in 2014 and plans on heading to medical school to specialize in cardiology. Good boy.



Lana Mozenkov, Ristano and owner Sal Traina are excited to reopen Doris Fashions.

### Look for the silver dress lining!

#### BENSONHURST

In 1938, with a few dollars and a great big dream, **Doris and Joseph Traina** opened a women's accessories store. Discovering that the real deal in retail was dresses, they expanded and added special occasion dresses and gowns to their inventory.

The store become a staple in the neighborhood and for 70 years flourished until Aug. 1, 2010 when a fire forced **Do**-

**ris Fashions** to move until repairs were made to the building. Well, the wait is over. Last week, just one year and a day to the date, Doris Fashions cut the ribbon on the newly re-furbished store. With the support of family, friends and a loyal staff, owner Sal Traina turned a crisis into a silver lining and Doris Fashions is back in business again. Standing O is happy that it is.

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Doris Fashions [6808 18th Ave. at 68th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-8850].

George also does his good deeds as a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. The "Mu's" coordinate and organize fundraisers for its pet charitable groups, the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Alzheimer's Foundation. His dad told Standing O, "My son was chosen out of 800 applicants for this award and I am very proud of him."

#### CANARSIE

#### Old nights - new titles

Members of the Knights of Pythias, Genesis Lodge #64 installed newly elected officers at its June meeting held at Temple Emanu-El. **Brian Kohn**, deputy grand chancellor, bestowed the new titles upon existing members: **Richard Resnick**, vice chancellor; **Ted Gordon**, prelate; **Sid Wieder**, secretary; **Sid Korman**, financial secretary; **Lewis Smith**, treasurer; **Errol Lewis**, master of works; **Julius Caputo**, master-at-arms; **Charles Schrier**, inner guard; **Yoni Tuper**, outer guard; and **Low**- ell Goldberg, David Stanger and Gregory Posniack, trustees. Let the new order begin!

#### GREENWOOD HEIGHTS

#### For Pete's sake

Brooklyn has been very, very good to Pete Hamill. Then why the heck does he live in that other borough? There just is no accounting for taste. Anyway, this fall, our prodigal son returns to the borough of his birth to accept the DeWitt Clinton Award for Excellence presented by the Green-Wood Historic Fund. It seems our pal Pete has fondly written about Green-Wood, calling it "One of the great urban glades." The award will be presented during Green-Wood's fourth annual benefit, which will be held at the cemetery on Sept. 15. Proceeds support preservation projects, community outreach and educational programs at the historic landmark.

Pete Hamill honor at Green-Wood Cem-



#### **Gather those bouquets**

Tanva Kamenskava, a 15-yearold high school student, is the latest recipient of the Brooklyn Community Foundation's Youth Arts Mastery Fund/Peter Jay Sharp Youth Arts Scholarship award. Whew, that title is longer than the entire production of "Swan Lake." The scholarship monies will pay Tanya's tuition through another year at the school. Tanya lives with her mom, who is attending college and on a fixed income, so the scholarship comes at just the right time. "I have big hopes for the future and dance will always be a part of my life," she told us. "When I dance, I forget all my worries. Ballet is a beautiful elegant and graceful work of art." Standing O has big hopes, too — especially for front row seats at Tanya's first professional performance.

Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn [2085 Coney Island Ave. at Kings Highway in Midwood (718) 891-6199].

etery [Fifth Avenue at 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 210-3080]. Tickets are \$150. For info, e-mail lisa\_alpert@green-wood.com.

#### **BAY RIDGE**

#### Peace out

"I have a dream," said native son **Richard Kneski**. That dream will finally be realized, when our pal Richard travels to Namibia this month as a Peace Corps volunteer. Richard joins the ranks of the more than 445 New Yorkers currently serving worldwide in the Corps, providing education, youth and community development, health and HIV/AIDS awareness and information technology.

Richard will live with a host family for the first three months of his two-year rotation, when he will fully learn the language, immerse himself into the culture and gain the necessary skills to fulfil his mission. Standing O wishes him a good trip and a safe return. B

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### Private cops play a vital role

ecent attacks against the Shomrim could not be more inaccurate and further from the reality of the important role a neighborhood watch group like the Shomrim plays for city residents.

In Flatbush, for example, Shomrim has many dedicated volunteers who serve our neighborhood seven days a week, 24 hours a day. In an average year, the volunteer members respond to thousands of calls. The volunteers

have no badge, no gun, no bulletproof vest, no privileges or special treatment.

Neighborhood watch groups like the Shomrim do get small allocations from elected officials to cover operational costs. In addition, a few years ago, Flatbush Shomrim was entrusted, via a one-time capital grant, with a mobile command center that serves, among many other things, as a valuable tool to help locate missing persons, from Alzheimer's patients to lost children. On an ongoing basis, Flatbush Shomrim helps locate children from all communities including Turkish-Muslims, Russian orthodox, Latin-Americans, African Americans, etc. Among the many cases they respond to, they assisted in the search of a missing 8-year-old Jewish child, which ended in unspeakable tragedy.

The Shomrim organization is neither a replacement for the outstanding work of the NYPD nor were they designed to be. But



**BY ED POWELL** 

officials as a major contribution to the betterment of communities, which, if at all quantifiable, far exceeds the organization's annual budget.

like any good neighborhood

watch, they do serve as the

NYPD's eyes and ears and

bring them valuable infor-

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rests, if warranted. They

are also among the first to

respond to police requests

for additional manpower.

These valuable services.

combined with many other

community benefits to

both our young and elderly

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Finally, the Flatbush Shomrim's operating procedures and protocols require an immediate call to 911 in all cases of missing persons. Above all, the group has an unequivocal and publicly stated zero-tolerance policy for pedophiles and abusers. Again, all alerts and cases are immediately referred to the NYPD.

The Shomrim are proud to serve all communities and assist in making the city a better and safer place for all their neighbors. The abundance of calls, testimonials, accomplishments and track record with the NYPD and other agencies, over the years, speak for themselves.

Ed Powell is president of UMMA GROUP INC and the 70th Precinct Community Council.

### We need to watch the watch group

private, hether Orthodox Jewish "Shomrim" ("guards" in Hebrew) may serve any useful function is not the question. Let us assume they do. The question which ought to answer itself – is whether New York City taxpayers should be helping to fund organizations that 1) encroach on the purview of official law enforcement agencies, 2) favor the interests of one specific community, and 3) may well suppress criminal complaints for ostensibly religious reasons.

The discrimination inherent in public funding of Shomrim is a matter of fact, not opinion. Jewish groups in New York are getting far more money through City Council than those affiliated with any other religion, even though Jews make up only about 22 percent of the city's population. (Catholics, by contrast, make up more than 60 percent.) Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer has said that "favoritism" is "endemic" in such a system. Clearly it is.

What's more, the mission of groups like Shomrim is itself discriminatory. The police force is far from perfect, but unlike Shomrim patrols it is charged with protecting the entire city, not just a privileged slice of its population. And that's precisely why everyone in the city may justly be expected to fund the NYPD. The same cannot be said for private vigilantes who, in the best of circumstances, represent only Orthodox Jewish communities. And that



**BY MICHAEL LESHER** 

tells only part of the story: two years ago, the Jewish Week reported that an influential Orthodox rabbi (who still advises the state-funded, Orthodoxrun Ohel Children's Home) taught publicly that Jews may steal from non-Jews "as long as one doesn't get caught, according to people in attendance." I wouldn't want my tax dollars to support private "law enforcement" that may be guided by such a view; are non-Jews likely to feel differently?

Apart from favoritism, religion-based pseudo-police are flawed from the start by their inevitable application of a specialized religious agenda to matters of public policy. Many of the rabbis and lay leaders who dominate Shomrim groups do not believe Jewish criminals should be prosecuted by non-Jews. In 2000, after a Hasidic family went to police over alleged abuse of their young son by another Orthodox Jew, some 50 rabbis signed a public announcement in a Yiddish-language Brooklyn newspaper authorizing the murder of anyone who "informs" on a fellow Jew to secular authorities.

I wouldn't try to dictate anyone else's religious beliefs. But taxpayers have the right to demand that their money isn't used to promote insular religious principles that violate basic law enforcement policy.

Michael Lesher is a writer, lawyer and Orthodox Jew. He is a contributor to "Tempest in the Temple: Jewish Communities and Child Sex Scandals."

### Rasputin owner gets probation for lying to feds

#### BY THOMAS TRACY

A Sheepshead Bay restaurateur facing six months in prison for lying to investigators about a "pay to play" scam he had allegedly hammered out with embattled state Sen. Carl Kruger received a slap on the wrist during sentencing last week — he was given no prison time and sent home.

The FBI caught Michael Levitis, who is an attorney besides being a co-owner of the Rasputin Supper Club on Coney Island Avenue and Avenue X, telling another restaurateur and FBI informant that Kruger (D-Brighton Beach) would fix the businessman's problems with the state if the eatery owner threw the legislator a fundraiser.

Investigators confronted the attorney about the recording, but Levitis backpedaled, claiming that he lied to the informant about Kruger's scheme.

Levitis ultimately pled guilty to lying to federal investigators in March, just weeks before Kruger was indicted on an unrelated charge — taking close to \$1 million in bribes from lobbyists and developers.

But Jeffrey Lichtman, Levitis's attorney, said the timing of his client's guilty plea and Kruger's arrest proves that Levitis "was collateral damage" in the FBI's zeal to indict the legislator.

"[Brooklvn FBI agents] wanted to indict Kruger, but were unable to," Lichtman said. "They wanted Michael

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State Sen. Carl Kruger was charged with pocketing close to \$1 million in bribes about two weeks after he claimed he never ran a "pay to play" scam with restaurateur Michael Levitis. Associated Press / Louis Lanzano

to cooperate with their investigation, but when that didn't work out, he ended up as collateral damage. Michael was a victim of their investigation."

Investigators took an interest in Levitis in 2009 after he recommended that the restaurateur working with the FBI make a donation to Kruger's campaign. In turn, Kruger would make the eatery owner's problems with the State Liquor Authority go away, he alleged.

"To start off, you have to throw in a few thousand," Levitis explained during a conversation recorded on April 14, 2009. "[It] depends on whether the problem is big or small. How much work he has to put in."

Prosecutors charged that Levitis contacted the undercover restaurateur again on Sept. 18, claiming Liquor Authority for two weeks.

"So for now you can still work," Levitis explained. "He asked that you do a fundraiser. I said 'Help first.' But he does want you to do a fundraiser."

Levitis also agreed to help funnel \$2,000 to Jason Koppel, Kruger's chief of staff, from the FBI informant.

But it is unclear if Koppel ever received the money from Levitis, who allegedly managed to swindle \$1,000 out of the eatery owner for acting as a go-between.

When word of Levitis's arrest surfaced. Kruger denied that he had any "pay to play" agreements with campaign contributors.

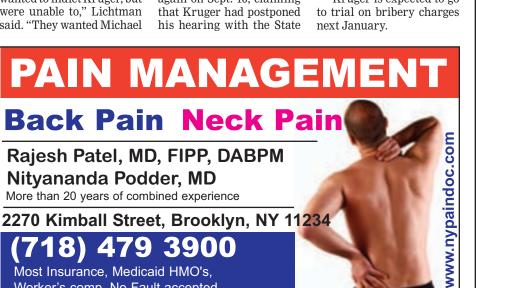
"I'm a victim in this whole thing," Kruger said. "[Levitis] went around boasting that he knew me and made representations that the government saw right through."

Kruger described Levitis as a "casual acquaintance" - even though he received more than \$8,000 in contributions and fund-raising services from the Rasputin owner since 2006, according to campaign filings.

Levitis was "thrilled" last Tuesday when he learned that he would not be going to jail, telling Judge Allyne Ross that he learned a valuable lesson.

"Telling an untruth can impact your life forever," Levitis said.

Kruger is expected to go



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## **MAKING THE 'GRADY'** Trade school lessons last a lifetime

#### BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

**FALL 2011** 

Gerritsen Beach resident Peter Walsh was awakened one chilly winter morning by a frantic 5 am phone call from his daughter, who had come home from work to find her apartment had no heat.

Walsh immediately contacted his buddy, Joe DeSimone, a Department of Environmental Protection mechanic, who rushed over to help.

"Joe had the boiler up and running in 15 minutes!" says Walsh, who was amazed that DeSi-

hoto by Ted Levin

mone had a thermal coupler — the part that fires the burner — in his van.

The adeptness with which DeSimone handled the emergency can be traced back to the two years he spent in the early 1970s learning a trade at William E. Grady Technical High School, a 70-yearold free-standing vocational school in Brighton Beach named after a former associate superintendent who became known as a trailblazer of vocational education.

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Grady HS student Shevan Marsh works on a teacher's car.

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Pete Robbins, the new Dean of Programs explains, "We're very excited about our new programming. We have a new music storytelling class, Music Tales!, where children can dive into stories like "Harold and the Purple Crayon" through music, or a new class where teens learn rhythms of Maracatu from Brazil, becoming part of New York City's first and only Maracatu ensemble."

The Conservatory not only teaches pretty much any instrument you are looking to learn, whether it be classical, jazz, Broadway, pop, world music — you name it — they are also creating "a wonderful sense of community and caring," says a choral participant.

Students have often said that the Conservatory is their "home away from home" and now with BCM's new Parents Association, the Conservatory is trying to provide ways for the whole family to meet and connect with one another.

BCM is also increasing its exposure in the community through eight community orchestra and chorale concerts, ensembles specifically for adults in the local area, which will include a Remembrance Concert on September 11th.

Succinctly put, Executive Director Karen Geer affirms "Transforming lives through music, that's what we do here. Our doors are always open."

To register for BCM's fall classes, visit www.bqcm.org or call 718-622-3300.

— Article by Elly Erickson, Staff Writer at BCM

### **EDUCATION**

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#### METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

It takes more than computer smarts to succeed in the revitalized technolog

In their heyday, techies could immerse themselves in their world of, well, technology.

Nowadays, they need to be just as savvy with people, on the phone, and at meetings.

The jobs that are staying in North America are more sensitive and require more interaction with people at different levels, according to experts.

"We're starting to see people who are splitting their careers and studies between computer science, information systems, and business management, and they're becoming more well-rounded professionals," says Bob Cohen, senior vice president at the Arlington, VA-based Information Technology Association of America.

The shift is good for women and minorities, who took the hardest hit during the technology bust. The percentage of women in the IT workforce declined from a high of 41 percent in 1996 to 32.4 percent in 2004, according to an annual study conducted by the Information Technology Association. Women in the overall workforce remained largely unchanged, from 46 to 46.5 percent, during the same period.

The Technology Association also found wide under representation among Hispanics and African Americans in the IT workforce in 2004, though their numbers have increased slightly since 1996.

The drop among women occurred because one out of every three women in the IT workforce fall into administrative job categories, which experienced huge declines in recent years. Those type of jobs, including project management and technical troubleshooting, are now in demand again.

A recent survey of chief information officers, completed by Robert Half Technology in Menlo Park, CA, found that help desk/end-user support was ranked number one for the first time in its IT Hiring Index and Skills Report. At 17 percent, the category tied with networking, a longtime top spot on the list of high-demand jobs. Robert Half Technology, a provider of IT professionals on a project and full-time basis, has been tracking IT hiring activity in the United States since 1995.

Chief information officer survey respondents said that the technical skills in greatest demand are those held by Microsoft Windows administrators. Wireless network management is also a sought-after specialty, followed by SQL Server management.

"In addition, as firms become better able to offer promotions to retain and reward those who took on more responsibilities during the downturn, the entry-level help desk positions these individuals occupied must now be filled," says Kathleen Spencer Lee, executive director of Robert Half Technology.

The survey said that New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) should lead the nation in technology hiring since 24 percent of chief information officers reported planning to expand their IT departments and with three percent anticipating personnel cutbacks. The net 21 percent increase is 10 points higher than the national average.

Officers in the West South Central States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas) forecast hiring activity well above the national average. Twenty percent of technology executives in this region expect to add staff and one percent anticipate reductions in personnel, resulting in a net 19 percent hiring increase.

Cohen said that the industry is pushing hard to increase IT employment among women and minorities.

The perceived hurdles for women and minorities include social barriers, such as stereotypes that women and certain minorities are not skilled in math and science; a lack of mentoring and roles models in leadership positions; and negative perceptions of IT work.

Groups throughout the nation help minorities and women succeed in technology fields. For instance, the national Alliance of Technology and Women unites people who share the common interests of empowering women in technology, increasing the number of women in executive roles and encouraging women and girls to enter technology fields.

Liza Danzer, president of the Dallas chapter, says these types of organizations offer great networking opportunities.

"You not only get to meet people, but you learn about what other companies are doing and what opportunities may arise in the future," she says.

### The job of a machinist is evolving

#### METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

If your image of manufacturing involves a string of white-coated workers hunched over an assembly line, welcome to the club.

"The perception most people have of manufacturing dates back 30, maybe 50 years," says Terry Iverson, president of Iverson and Co., a machine tool provider in Des Plaines, IL. When most of us weren't looking, computers reinvented the process. And, while "you still have people who can process and check the parts, program the machines and monitor the process," Iverson says, silicon chips — not line workers — are the heart of manufacturing.

Enter the machinist — or, more accurately, the computerized numerical control machinist, says Dan Kiraly, director of education for the Tooling and Manufacturing Association in Chicago.

"Today, it's all computer driven," says Kiraly. That's changed the role and skill set of machinists. Those who use machine tools to produce precision metal parts now rely on computer programs and high-tech tools.

**Outlook:** Kiraly compares what's happened in machining to the changes in American farming.

"Back in the 1800s, thousands of people worked on farms," he says. But with machinery and advancements, one person can do the work that once required 50 or 60 people. In manufacturing, he says, "the advent of [computerized numerical control] for wire cutting and so many different processes, means you actually don't need as many people to do the work anymore."

Although non skilled manufacturing and machinist jobs have virtually disap-

peared, say Iverson and Kiraly, there's a big need for people with computerized numerical control machining skills. There may not be a lot of jobs, but anyone willing to learn the skills — and keep learning as technology changes — can replace retiring machinists.

**The routine:** Machinists first may review electronic specifications for a job and then select tools and materials. They position materials into the tool and ensure that the machine and computer work in sync and that the process moves smoothly. The machinist may oversee and troubleshoot production of a small number of very specific and important parts, like those destined for use in airplanes, or produce large quantities of a single part, such as a simple bolt.

Training: Vocational schools, commu-Continued on Page 40



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### **EDUCATION**

### Grady

#### Continued from cover

"Everything becomes a trade when you live and work in New York City," contends DeSimone.

These days, the professional handyman, who has installed bathrooms, rewired homes and repaired windows, is busy fixing critical pipes and pumps at the Coney Island Water Pollution Control Plant, which monitors pollution in our surface waters — important work for a self-professed working stiff whose mother talked him into attending Grady.

"There was nothing in a regular public school for me because I liked to work with my hands," says DeSimone. "Going to Grady was the best thing I ever did."

There, DeSimone studied environmental climate control, a course now known as Facilities Management or Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning. The classes, he says, tapped his aptitude and equipped him with the knowledge he needed to remain gainfully — and lucratively — employed as a skilled worker for the next 37 years.

Grady, whose alums include Emmy Award-winning Sopranos' writer and executive producer Terry Winters, has gone through some changes since DeSimone's era. Today, its home to computers and female students (two things it lacked years ago), but its goal remains the same: "To educate every student who comes through our doors" — and to recreate the American work floor in school.

Courses, such as automotive tech, construction tech, information tech, Pre-engineering, audiovisual, culinary arts, heating ventilation and air conditioning, are taught in the double-pronged setting of a traditional classroom and "in the shop," where students can experience the operations of an actual commercial facility by repairing vehicles in an "automotive garage" or constructing heating and ventilation systems from scratch in a "boiler room."



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track, volleyball and wrestling.

The school has demonstrated its survival instincts, too, grappling to stay afloat in a city plagued by budget cuts and school closures.

Last year, Grady was selected to be part of a national schools transformation program, and received \$2 million in federal funding for improvements. This, at a time when 47 other city schools faced being padlocked by the Department Of Education for poor performance.

The cash transfusion is a welcome springboard for new principal Geraldine Maione, whose resuscitation efforts include more parental involvement, smaller classes to benefit Grady's special education students, and mentor teachers to work with staff. The results have been startling.

"Ms. Maione's leadership has already had a huge impact on the school," contends English teacher Dawn Sansevero.

Special education specialist Halima Pspierce says she has also discovered new rewards in the classroom.

"I recently learned some good strategies to deal with behavior problems, so it has made my class time more productive."

Grady's future as a time-honored Brooklyn institution — and one of the nation's most successful vocational learning institutes — is positioned for success as it comes to a crossroads on its way to providing new generations of skilled workers with a real education for the real world.

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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics's 2004 "Occupational Outlook Handbook," heating and air-conditioning technician is the fastest-growing occupation for job seekers with a technical degree or formal apprenticeship training. What are the hours? What does it pay? What's an HVAC? Here's what vou need to know to land this indemand position.

#### The work

Picture Orlando, FL, without air conditioned office buildings, or Minneapolis, MN, minus heated homes, and you'll understand why this job is in demand. Heating and cooling technicians, also called HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) technicians, install commercial and residential systems, including: fuel and water supply lines, air ducts, vents and pumps. Furnace maintenance is a summer job to replace filters, ducts and other system components that accumu-

ditioning mechanics complete essential upkeep, such as overhauling compressors and checking Freon levels. Technicians generally specialize in installation or maintenance and repair, however, most are adept at both.

#### The training

Equipment is expensive and complex, so employers readily hire candidates with a technical degree from a postsecondary trade school, junior/community college, or the U.S. Armed Forces. Programs run six months to two years, and students study design, electronics and the basics of installation, maintenance and repair. Apprenticeship programs are run in cooperation with the Arlington, VA, based Air Conditioning Contractors of America, the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors in Falls Church, VA, or similar local groups. Running three to five years, these programs combine on-the-job training with classroom education. workers.

#### The skills

Inclement weather makes business boom and technicians swoon: employers are looking for those who are able to work in extreme heat and cold, as well as those able to work in awkward and cramped spaces. Safety is the biggest issue, so make sure to emphasize a cautious nature and diligent use of proper safety equipment.

#### The boss

Nearly half of the 249,000 technicians worked for heating and cooling contractors in 2002, while another 15 percent were self-employed.

#### The hours

Forty hours a week is expected, but during summer and winter peaks, expect plenty of overtime. On-call technicians will work evenings and weekends — people won't wait on comfort.

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### **EDUCATION**

# Trade school<br/>or traditional<br/>college?

Certain careers may not require a degree from a four-year college or university, while others insist on a college degree.

#### METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Today's high schoolers face mounting pressure with respect to their futures. Even high school graduates who did not immediately go to college after graduating face difficult decisions about their futures.

For many facing such a

decision, the process often involves finding the right college. However, options don't have to be limited to colleges and universities. Trade schools can prepare young people, or even professionals looking to make a change, for lucrative and fulfilling careers. When deciding between a trade school and traditional college, there are a few things to consider to ensure that whatever decision you make is the right one for you.

•Goals: Career goals differ for everyone. While some pursue a career sim-*Continued on Page 40* 

## Working al fresco

#### METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Tired of working in a stuffy office? You're not alone — outdoor jobs are among the fastest growing professions.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics says that landscaping and grounds keeping workers are among the fastest growing occupations between now and 2016. Pleasing landscapes have always been popular for homeowners and commercial property owners. But today, more interest in living green has made these jobs more important, as people

revamp their landscapes to be more environmentally friendly.

"The growth in our industry is related to a better understanding of our role as stewards of the Earth," says Anthony Williams, a certified grounds manager who has worked on island properties and now serves as director of grounds for the Evergreen Conference Resort and Stone Mountain Golf Club in Mountain, GA.



Outdoor jobs offer fresh air, a unique experience, and some even offer a view of the forest or the ocean. On the other side of the country, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department employees are stewards of their state's forests, parks and heritage. The state even hires archaeologists and buyers to purchase land for conversion to parks — as parks and recreation employees, says Karen Zimmer, human resources manager in Salem, OR. Of course, most outdoor jobs go to park rangers and ranger aides.

"We hire about 300 seasonal positions," Zimmer says. The permanent outdoor jobs generally go to rangers.

Park rangers and aides don't have glamorous or high-paying jobs, she says. Like most outdoor workers, they have to brave the elements when the weather isn't perfect. And outdoor work is often physical. Rangers have to perform basic maintenance, using shovels and other tools. Working in parks even involves cleaning park restrooms. Forest rangers also work primarily *Continued on Page 40* 

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# Blue collar is now gold collar

# Skilled manual trades are hardest jobs to fill, and among the best-paying careers

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Few jobs are as misunderstood and maligned as old-fashioned manual labor.

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"Dark, dirty, and in decline," are the words that leap to mind when many folks think of manufacturing, says Phyllis Eisen, executive director of the Center for Workforce Success for the National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC. Yet never has the stereotype been more off base. Today's typical manufacturing plant is not dark and dirty, and many jobs are far from dull and low-paying. What's more, manufacturers are searching for high-skilled technicians virtually across the board, to build "everything from computer chips to potato chips," says Eisen.

Skilled manual laborers who have specialized skills and certificates - electricians, carpenters, cabinetmakers, masons, plumbers and welders - and unskilled manual workers are in short supply around the globe. On the list of 2007's hottest jobs that are most difficult to fill, according to a Manpower Inc. survey of 37,000 employers around the globe, are skilled manual trades, laborers, production operators, and machinists.

The jobs are well-paid and once-blue-collar jobs are now gold-collar careers, say Eisen.

Joe Ribaudo, assistant dean of industrial and technical education at Trinidad State Junior



Skilled manual laborers who have specialized skills - such as electricians - are in short supply around the world.

College in Trinidad, CO, echoes Eisen's feelings, and has good reason to refer to his students as gold-collar workers. A new program called Energy Production and Industrial Construction is pumping out skilled trade workers in cooperation with local gas and construction companies. It's exactly the kind of community action that Eisen's group supports. And it's helping to match young students and displaced workers with newly-minted welding, diesel and operator skills certificates with excellent job opportunities and pay.

"There are probably 100 jobs in each of these area we could fill if we had that many students," savs Ribaudo.

Local companies have donated equipment, land, and even teaching expertise. They pay the program's interns anywhere from \$14 to \$23 an hour to complete the classroom portion of the training. After training, many will work on plastic or steel pipes for coal bed methane gas.

"Our problem is keeping them in school, because these companies need them so badly," says Sandra Veltri, PhD, dean of student services and career and technical education for the college.

Demand for welders and other skilled workers is high in area other than southeastern Colorado. Lee Kvidahl, chief welding engineer for shipbuilding with Northrop Grumman Corp. in Pascagoula, MS, has had difficulty meeting the demand for skilled labor in years past, but the shortage has intensified since Hurricane Katrina. In New Orleans and Pascagoula, welders, pipe fitters, sheet-metal workers, painters, carpenters, crane operators, riggers, machinists, electricians, and more are needed to help build Navy and Coast Guard ships. Kvidahl's company works with local community colleges and trade schools to help feed in new workers, but the need still exists for more welders.

"If you're interested in learn-

ing ship-building skills, the Gulf Coast is ready to welcome you," he says.

Some of the need for welders is regional, but many welders with advanced skills are in their 50s and considering retirement. This is opening up a large skills gap in the field.

"There's aren't enough people entering at the same time others are leaving, and you have to weld for several years to gain skills in the procedures," says Adrienne Zalkind of the American Welding Society in Miami, FL. This could leave many employers high and dry if more people don't enter the profession soon. Trade schools offer education that lasts from six months to four years, says Zalkind. Opportunities range from basic welding to welding inspectors who travel the world checking others' work.

The same stereotypes that plague manufacturing have dampened enthusiasm for welding careers, says Zalkind.

"Parents and counselors think welding today is reminiscent of the 1940s and 1950s, with dirty welding shops on factory floors," she says. But today, the jobs are clean, require advanced skills, and often involve working outside. Some welders become entrepreneurs, setting up their own shops. Students who complete the program at Trinidad State and buy their own welding rigs and trucks could make \$40 to \$72 an hour, says Ribaudo.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently listed several other blue-collar jobs that pay top dollar, including public transit attendant, long-shore equipment operator, stones man, power plant operator, aircraft engine mechanic, and electrical power or telephone line installer and repairer. Pay averages from \$52,000 to \$62,000 a year, depending on where you live. Plenty of four-year college graduates actually go back to trade schools and community colleges to get trade certifications and high-paying blue-collar jobs.

"It's not necessary to go to a four-year college to make a good middle-class income and have a stake in the economy," says Eisen.

### WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Positions U.S. employers reported as most difficult to fill

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# EDUCATION Choosing schools

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ply because it can pay well, others seek careers that may reward them in other ways. When deciding between a trade school or traditional university, consider any career goals. If certain goals bear significant importance, determine the best route by which to achieve them, be it through a trade school, college, or university.

•Individual skills: Individual skills can also play a significant role when determining if a trade school or traditional unversity is the best choice. If you're mechanically inclined and love working on automobiles, you might be better suited to an automotive trade school. But if you excel in cooking arts and don't know an engine from an onion, you might be more suited for a culinary school. Honestly assessing your strengths and weaknesses, can lend much to the decision-making process.

•Educational interests: If you would love to learn about a variety of subjects, you're probably better suited for a traditional college or university. On the other hand, if you have a more specific interest in a given field of study, you might find it hard to get motivated or stay interested when studying at a four-year college or university.

•**Requirements:** Not all careers require a degree from a four-year college or university. You should research what level of education is necessary to be successful in any fields that may interest you. If a given career does not require a four-year degree, there's no sense spending such a substantial amount of money on a degree that won't help you land a job.

# Outdoors

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outdoors.

Most landscapers and groundskeepers learn skills on the job. There are vocational certificate or associate degree programs and specialized programs — like those offered by the agement Society. Certain tasks, such as applying pesticides, may require specific training and licensure, depending on state law. The pay varies, depending on the employer and level of work, but it generally pays slightly higher than minimum wage to start. And Williams says that those

Professional Grounds Man-

with a strong work ethic can advance.

Other hot jobs that may require some outdoor work include security guards, truck drivers, carpenters, and maintenance and repair workers. Even certain sales and supervisory jobs leave you less tied to a desk than other professions.

# Machinist

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nity colleges or apprenticeship programs train machinists.

"They spend a lot of time getting basics such as geometric tolerancing, processing of parts, or computer programming," says Iverson. Some also learn on the job, but it's hard for manufacturers to afford the downtime needed for training, says Kiraly, so the more skills a machinist can get in education programs, the better.

"Employers want someone who can hit the ground running," he says. Many states and community colleges have certificate programs that give you the basic skill set.

**Tool kit:** Aside from the specific skills you'll learn in training, a good grasp of math and chemistry help.

"Be able to work in

teams and to do some basic problem-solving," says Kiraly. He adds that employers are looking for people who are responsive and who take pride in their work. Accuracy and precision are essential.

**Ups and downs:** You have to accept that the technology behind your job will continue to change and be willing to adapt and train as needed. Although computers are a big part of machining now, it's still a hands-on job, says Kiraly.

"That's what I enjoyed about the trade," he says. "I enjoy creating things."

The money: Pay varies depending on region, experience, and type of manufacturing. Kiraly says that computerized numerical control machinists in the Chicago area can make \$26 to \$30 an hour, but it's higher there than in other regions and at the top of the Bureau of Labor Statistic range for 2008. The Bureau average is closer to about \$18 an hour. Manufacturing the Future says machinists make an annual salary of \$38,043.

**The way there:** Iverson says Project Lead the Way — and other programs across the country designed to engage more students in science, technology, engineering and math fields — can help high school students get started in manufacturing careers.

"Anyone interested in science and math would be very good in manufacturing," he says. He adds that many guidance counselors don't mention machinist and other manufacturing jobs when students stop by for advice. Check for nearby community college and apprenticeship programs. Kiraly says state workforce boards can point you to training programs. "And if you're unemployed, some may help pay for training."

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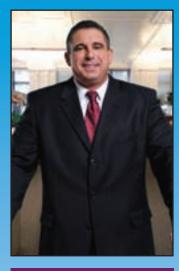
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Brooklyn's foul-mouthed leg-

end, Andrew Dice Clay, will

return to the borough that

made him a star on

Oct. 1 in Coney Island.

### A Brooklyn comic legend prepares his comeback special in Coney Island

Back in the late-1970s,

Andrew Dice Clay, he was just

Andy Silverstein, and worked

as a process server for his

father on Court Street.

By Gersh Kuntzman ndrew Dice Clay is about to unload all over you. Don't blame us — the raunchy comedian, who filled arenas nationwide for much of the 1980s with an outrageous mix of homophobia, sexism, cursefilled nursery rhymes, misanthropy and preposterous sexual achievements, is back, beginning a "comeback" tour at MCU Park in Coney Island on Oct. 1.

went on sale last Monday, so we got "The

Silverman, a fast-talking wannabe working for his dad on Court Street. This week, he chatted with Gersh Kuntzman, editor of our northern Brooklyn media properties:

Gersh Kuntzman: Tell me about those early days. You were

Andrew Dice Clay: I remember when [your arch-rival] The Brooklyn Paper wrote me up for the first time in 1979, it was so exciting to me, a guy working for my dad in his process-serving agency, Royal Process Serving, on Court Street. They wrote a bigger story when they saw me a few months later in a Joe Franklin "Gong Show" thing. The winner got to open for Tiny Tim, who was hot then. I won, and that was really my humble beginning.

**GK:** And then you went on to become a legend — selling out arenas and becoming the only comedian to sellout Madison Square Garden twice.

ADC: That's not that big a deal. I did more than 300 sold-out arenas. I did the Rose Bowl with Guns and Roses in 1992. That was a wild show.

GK: You were huge. So what happened?

ADC: I went through a bad divorce and felt it was more important to raise my sons. I didn't care much about my career; I cared more about bringing up two sons with brains and a good outlook. They needed to be guided. It was more important than doing another movie. But I never stopped working. I did the club circuit. My sons are my world to me. If you're going after a career, you have to be completely focused. That's how I am now.

GK: Andrew Dice Clay family man?

ADC: Look, what I do on that's the act. Elvis stage

didn't wear the glitter suit around the house every day. GK: Um, I think

he did. Anyway, let's talk about your act for a second. There's a lot of talk of [making love]. So educate those who say your act is, in the words of Wikipedia, "crude, misogynistic, racist, homophobic and degrading."

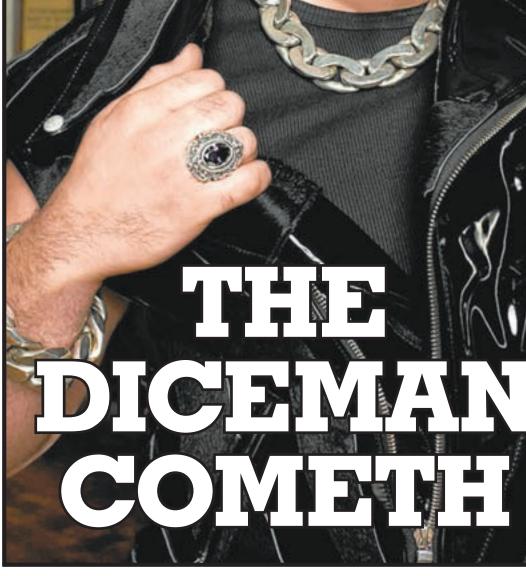
**ADC:** It's real simple: you have haters and you have people who love me. The haters are always going to hate, and the ones who love you will love you. My act isn't for everyone; it never was.

GK: Is there a joke [from your pastl that you won't do now?

**ADC:** I don't even think about that. When I'm onstage, I say whatever I think will make people laugh hard. That is one thing I do better than every comic in the world; I make people laugh uncontrollably. Regular comics get the laugh, but I create a certain kind of mania. My thing is affecting audiences and exciting them. When I was getting started, standup comics were boring to me, as funny as they were. My thing was about performance. Twenty, 30 years ago, comics were really just used as opening acts, not headliners, except for a few like Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy. Eddie Murphy understood the art of rock star comedy. So as I got more and more into standup, I decided if I'm going to do this, I'm going to give them something they never saw or heard.

Andrew Dice Clay at MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 507-8499], Oct. 1, 8 pm. For info, visit www.diceinbrooklyn.com.







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# Kid stuff

### alling all jitterbugs.

Karen Kalafatas, who goes by the simpler Karen K, and her band, the Jitterbugs, come to Carroll Park on Aug. 17 for a free concert featuring one of the stars of the local "kindie" music scene.

Kalafatas splits time between Carroll Gardens and Boston, but her new CD, "Pancakes for Breakfast," led to a sold-out show at Jalopy earlier this year, putting her in the ranks of kid music stars such as Laurie Berkner and Barry Louis Polisar.

She's following the formula: playful tunes that both kids and adults can listen to.

It helps that Kalafatas is constantly surrounded by her target audience songs like the title track,

as well as "I Wanna Be a



Jitterbug," "If I Were a Toy," and "That's What I'm Wearing Today" are inspired by the kids in her music classes, as well as her 4-year-old daughter.

"Kids see things so differently — a bean isn't just a bean, it's a magic bean. A jump rope is a jump rope and also a tight rope and a spider web," said Kalafatas. "It really makes us jaded adults see the world differently. I never run out of material."

Karen K and the Jitterbugs at Carroll Park (President and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens), Aug. 17 at 4 pm. Free. For info, visit www.carrollparkbrooklyn.org.

- Meredith Deliso

# What a gem

This is one gem of a book.

Sapphire (pictured), the celebrated author of "Push" — the inspiration for the Oscar-winning film "Precious" - is back with a new novel, 15 years after her explosive debut.

"The Kid" picks up more or less where her best-selling novel, about a Harlem teen who overcomes an abusive mother, obesity, HIV, and illiteracy, left off.



The kid in question is Precious's 9-year-old son, Abdul Jones, to whom we're introduced on the day of his mother's funeral.

Like "Push," Sapphire's new novel takes a firstperson, free-form narrative, this time following Abdul through the foster care system and into adulthood, where he escapes, like his mother did with words, through dance. As to be suspected

from the precedent set with "Push," it's not all pretty, and no reality too depressing is spared.

"Sapphire is a celebrated writer who has touched so many," said Jason Carey of the Brooklyn Public Library, whose Central Branch

will host the author on Aug. 15.

"We know the event will give readers a special perspective on her new novel."

Sapphire at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], Aug. 15 at 6:30 pm. Free. For info, visit www.brooklynpubliclibrary.com. - Meredith Deliso

# **BEST BETS** Beach groove T et's get together and feel all right (in Coney).

# **One sweet throwback**

**¬**or one night, Farmacy will be even more retro than it already is.

On Aug. 16, the Carroll Gardens spot hosts the CD release for the newly formed girl group The Bandana Splits.

That's no typo - this charming female act, comprised of singers in and around the neighborhood, owes its name to a love of both banana splits and bandanas, two things that would make a girl feel right at home in a soda fountain in the 1950s, along with a high pony tail and some saddle shoes, of course.

The throwback trio comprised of Dawn Landes, Lauren Balthrop and Annie Nero — also take some cues from girl groups of the time, including The Ronettes,

in their spot-on harmonies and dreamy sound. "There was

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somethingmagical in our voices," said Landes. "We would get together and laugh and sing and the songs



Meet The Bandana Splits. The new girl group celebrates the release of its debut album at Farmacy on Aug. 16. There's a milkshake joke in here somewhere.

just naturally started to flow from us hanging out."

The result of those hangout sessions is "Mr. Sam Presents The Bandana Split," the Bandana Splits debut CD

(the Sam in question is producer Sam Cohen, of the band Apollo Sunshine). The

lead single, "Sometimes," a summery tune which you can still get a good few weeks out of, was also shot in Farmacy.

During the group's live listening party at the Carroll Gardens soda fountain, a

The Bandana Splits at

banana split will most certainly be mandatory.

Farmacy [513 Henry St. at Sackett Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 522-6260], Aug. 16 at 8 pm. Free. For info, visit www.brooklynfarmacy.blogspot.com.

\- Meredith Deliso

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# Blue Star Band's rebel yell!

New York music scene who cut

his cut his teeth as a teenager

in the legendary 1970s band

pily dons a cowboy hat for this

latest venture, which formed a

this," said Ieva. "We want to

let people know we're having

country music in Brooklyn,

Today, the bus driver hap-

"People are really drawn to

Flashback.

few months ago.

ay Ridge is now a little bit country.

For the likes of Kenny Chesney, Carrie Underwood and Sugarland, look no further than the Blue Star Band, a rising country cover act that plays the Greenhouse Café on Aug. 19.

The down-home five-piece

plays a mix of modern and classic country favorites, as well as Southern rock. So

in one set, you can get Lady Antebellum, Patsy Cline, and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

It was a mix that founder Tony Ieva saw sorely lacking in the Brooklyn music scene today, which has its fair share of indie, folk and old timey acts, but little Lee Ann Womack.

"I wanted to offer something very unique and different to New York that you can't get on any local radio stations or in any of the clubs," said the drummer, a veteran of the



Gone country: Tony leva (sitting) leads the Blue Star Band, which brings its Southern-inspired sound to the Greenhouse Cafe on Aug. 19.

Photo by Len DeLessio especially in Bay Ridge."

Finally, a place where you can yell, "Freebird!" without irony.

Blue Star Band at the Greenhouse Café [7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets in Bay Ridge (718) 833-8200], Aug. 19 at 9 pm. Free. For info, visit www.thebluestarband.com.

– Meredith Deliso

The Boardwalk and beach will be the site of a jamming party on Aug. 14 complete with the sounds of reggae and other types of Jamaican pop music spanning six decades. All afternoon, Brooklyn-based DJs will blast dancehall, rocksteady, ska and the classic roots reggae popularized by Bob Marley and the Wailers.

The festival is a reinvention of the "sound system" parties that have been all the rage in Jamaica since the 1950s. DJs hook their speakers up to a generator, converting an out-

door lot into a dance club. "Coney Island is a great outdoor setting for these sound system parties," said even organizer Carter Van Pelt, a radio DJ who has



hosted four previous reggae jams in Coney Island. "It's a great way to introduce people to Jamaican music."

But you don't have to relax like you're on a Caribbean island to enjoy the party. Music fans are encouraged to "dutty wine" - a Jamaican dance of body contortions - and grab the DJ's microphone to freestyle.

"That's a fun aspect of dancehall tradition," Van Pelt said.

Coney Island Reggae Beach Party (Boardwalk at W. 19th Street in Conev Island), Aug. 14, 2-8 pm. Free. For info, visit soundliberation.org. - Alex Rush

# Wash works

iscover what all the fuss is all this time about Washington Avenue when the local business association throws a street fair on Aug. 20 that's geared towards foodies, fash-

"It's a way to have people really find out what everyone does," said Rebeca Ramirez, vicepresident of the Washington Avenue-Prospect Heights Association.

### On the food front, you can enjoy a sneak peak at Kimchi Tacos, which is opening on the strip in the fall, burgers from Dean

Street, ceviche from Chavela's, cupcakes from Yaya's Cupcakes, and coffee from Stumpton. There will also be an appetizer taste-off from area restaurants.

"Brooklyn is going through a food revolution, so we thought the foodie thing would be a really great thing to focus on," said Ramirez.

For fashion, you can check out a runway show featuring hair and fashion exhibits by AweDacity!, Nu Wave Kultural Kreations, Divine Connection, House of Hair, Idalias Salon & ibeauty bar and Zuny's Beauty Parlor. Canines aren't left out, either, thanks to a dog fashion show.

And for the kids, you can enjoy dance classes by Shambhala Yoga & Dance Center, a skateboarding class by Park Delicatessan, face painting, and balloon art.

"We're trying to pack in a lot," said Ramirez. Plan accordingly.

Wash Ave Rocks! (Washington Avenue between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights), Aug. 20, noon-6 pm. For info, visit www.washington-avenue.org.

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# **BROOKLYN EATS** Oh là là! Two French treats Chefs at Le Comptoir share their tasty secrets

### By Sarah Zorn

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Comptoir in Williamsburg is a classic French bistro run by two native Frenchman both with very thick accents.

Just don't go looking for escargot and onion soup.

"That's a very false idea of what French cuisine is about," said chef and co-owner Sebastien Chamaret, formerly of La Goulue restaurant in Manhattan.

"Maybe they made sense 30 or 40 years ago, but to serve those dishes now would be like owning a clothing shop and only selling bellbottoms."

That's why Chamaret and partner Adrien Angelvy - who oversees the drinks program with creative cocktails and a carefully curated list of French rosés — are more concerned with seasonal ingredients, contemporary flavors, and menus that change as often as the markets fluctuate.

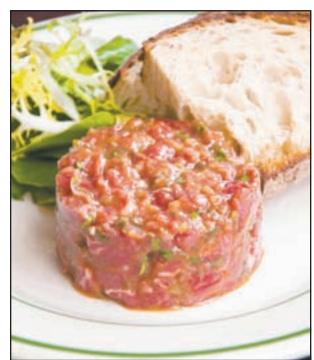
"If you go to Paris today, you'll find the same thing," said Chamaret. "They want to cook and eat what is good at that moment. For us, now, it's zucchini, corn, fresh berries, not duck a l'orange."

That's not to say the Le Comptoir menu is without love for identifiable French flavor - playful takes on classics like foie gras crème brulee, tuna tartare Japonais, and steak tartare "comme au bistro" are at the heart of the menu.

"We like to take dishes that have been done and redone and overdone, and kick them up a notch," Chamaret said.

If you want to kick your next cocktail party up a notch by giving it a little Gallic flair, try these elegant recipes - courtesy of the Le Comptoir team — below.

Le Comptoir [251 Grand St. between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street in Williamsburg, (718) 486-3300].



Chef Sebastien Chamaret, who is also co-owner of Le Comptoir in Williamsburg, makes a great steak tartare. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# Hot shrimp, Caribbean-style



Morton's chef Joe Raiola shows off his apricot-glazed shrimp. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

### By Joe Raiola

ust a few short months ago we were complaining about the all the snow J and discussing prime rib. Now we are complaining about the heat and discussing grilling tips.

On the hottest day last week, one of my cooks Travis, who's from Guyana, said to me, "The weather feels like we are back in my country."

He made it sound so nice to be anywhere tropical (sipping a colorful cocktail) that I prepared an easy. Caribbeanstyle dish that I think you will enjoy.

For this dish, a bigger shrimp works. I used a U-8 shrimp, which means there are eight or fewer per pound (that's a big shrimp).

Just about any vegetables will work, but you should definitely blanch the veggies before you grill them so the shrimp won't cook too quickly.

And make sure you wear gloves when cutting the jalapeños. If you don't, you will feel it later when you go to use the bathroom, if you know what I mean.

### Steak tartare 'comme au bistro' **Recipe by Sebastien Chamaret • Serves four**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound strip steak or top round, trimmed and chopped
- · 3 tbls cornichons, chopped
- · 2 tbls shallot, finely chopped
- 3 tbls capers, chopped
- 1/4 bunch parsley, chopped
- 2 tbls Dijon mustard
- 5 tbls ketchup
- 2 egg yolks
- 3 tbls extra virgin olive oil Splash Tabasco
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and mix well with a fork. Serve with toasted country bread or baguette and a green salad.

### Whispering Berry

### Recipe by Adrien Angelvy • Makes one drink

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 or 6 raspberries, plus 1 for garnish
- 3/4 ounce lemon juice
- 1/2 ounce agave nectar • 1 ounce St Germain
- 4 ounce Mas de la Source rosé wine

### DIRECTIONS

In a shaker, muddle fresh raspberries with lemon juice and agave nectar. Add a dozen ice cubes, St. Germain and stir everything together until the shaker gets really cold. Add the rosé and stir one more time, then pour into a large red Bordeaux wine glass half-filled with fresh ice cubes. Garnish with a raspberry.



# Drink up!

Reporter Kate Briquelet enjoys a coconut rum cocktail at The Social Butterfly, Clinton Hill's newest club for an older crowd opening on Aug. 12. The tiny lounge on Atlantic Avenue near Waverly Avenue is a no-jeans, no-sneakers take on a classic discotheque. Not really our scene — but if you're jonesing for a dance floor full of spunky retirees, and want to lose yourself to the likes of Earth, Wind, and Fire, check it out!

The Social Butterfly [857 Atlantic Ave. between Washington and Waverly avenues in Clinton Hill, (347) 799-2064]. For info, visit facebook.com/TheSocialButterflyNY. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

### Apricot-glazed shrimp with hearts of palm

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup apricot preserves
- 1/4 tsp. cumin powder
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp. red chili places
- 6 turns of a pepper mill
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tbls. chives, thinly sliced
- 2 tsps. garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup hot water
- 3 limes, halved
- 3 tbls. olive oil
- 1/2 large red onion, cut into one-inch squares • 1 large red bell pepper, seeded cut into oneinch squares
- 1/2 pineapple cut into one-inch cubes
- 4 jalapeños seeded and cut in half lengthwise and again widthwise
- 8 jumbo shrimp, peeled, tail off and deveined.

Yields two servings

- 1 18-ounce can hearts of palm
- 1 can cooking spray

all the vegetables in and cook them about a minute or just till they start to get soft. Put them in ice water for a minute then drain.

You are ready to assemble: Start with the pineapple on the skewer then add the red onion, jalapeño, red pepper, then shrimp. Repeat this in this order three more times and end with a piece of pineapple.

Season the hearts of palm with the juice of a

### 2 Latex gloves

- 2 15-inch metal skewers

until there are no lumps. Then add the juice of a lime and a tablespoon of the olive oil. Transfer it to a smaller container and set aside.

Let them go for about four minutes; You will want to continue brushing glaze on them in this time. Flip the brochettes and turn the hearts of palm. Keep brushing.

When the brochettes are done serve them over the hearts of palm with a squeeze of lime over the top. Enjoy the mini-vacation!

lime and the rest of the olive oil salt and pepper.

Get your grill or broiler very hot. Just before

you put those beautiful brochettes on the grill,

coat them with cooking spray and season with

Brush the glaze on the shrimp and veggies the

Put the hearts of palm on the grill as well.

salt and pepper.

Joe Raiola is the executive chef at Morton's The Steakhouse [339 Adams St. between Willoughby and Tillary streets in Downtown, (718) 596-2700].

DIRECTIONS

In a bowl, whisk the first eight ingredients

more you put the better it will look and taste. Bring salted water to a rolling boil and drop

# **Business Brooklyn Style — Advertisement** Join the sushi revolution at Mitoushi



Nica Fedorova shows off Mitoushi's Japanese pizza. Photos by Steve Solomonson

### BY THOMAS TRACY

Brooklyn's rather mundane sushi scene has been given a Wasabi-flavored makeover at Mitoushi, where master chefs specializing in Japanese cuisine take culinary risks every day - all for the benefit of their customer's taste buds.

The Quentin Road Japanese fusion restaurant nestled at the corner of Kings Highway in Midwood — is constantly looking for new and delicious seafood combinations that it can add to its extensive repertoire of rolls. some of which are dedicated to the borough it calls home.

Take a quick look at the menuand you'llsee: Mitoushi has the Bay Ridge roll (deep fried eel and cream cheese) and the Emmons roll (fresh

salmon, avocado and caviar topped with "crunchies" and spicy mayonnaise) — a popular delicacy created at its sister restaurant in Sheepshead Bay.

The chefs at Mitoushi love putting their own stamp on time-tested dishes, and as a result their menu is brimming with signature creations like the delectable Astada roll (shrimp and salmon with a "special sauce"), the Fareo Island (lobster and avocado), and the Red River (tuna and spicy salmon topped with avocado and caviar). They also have a tasty treat they like to call Japanese pizza and have been known to spice up their popular Teriyaki, Tempura and Hibachi fare.



roll is a real palate pleaser, with shrimp, salmon and a "special sauce."

year work in progress: Since 2005 Mitoushi's customers - many of whom visit weekly - have challenged Mitoushi's chefs to turn popular dishes into their own creations. It's also quite common to create off-the-menu rolls that will fit a customer's particular tastes. If the roll's a hit, then the customer gets to name the new creation.

As always, one can find old standbys like the cucumber roll, the California roll Please visit us at our other locations in Brooklyn: 1714 Sheepshead Bay Road, 177 Atlantic Avenue, or 10 Akron Street in Staten Island

and the tuna roll at Mitoushi, but after experiencing this unique restaurant's Manhattan-style food experimentation, ambiance and service – all at Brooklyn prices – isn't it time to let these rolls

ter of a sushi revolution. All vou have to do to experience it is walk through the door.

And, hey, in the end, you may end up having a roll named after you.

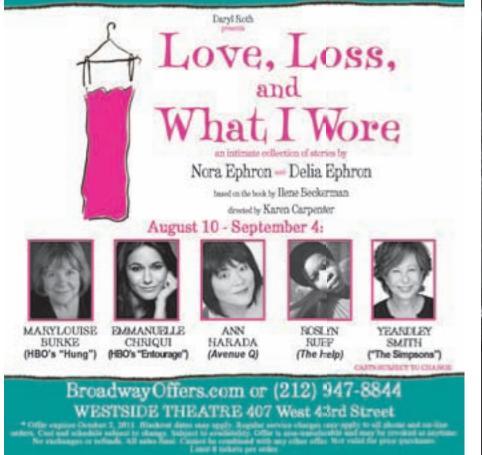
Mitoushi [1221 Quentin Road at E. 13th Street in Midwood, (718) 998-9882]. Open weekdays 11:30 am to 11 pm. Fridavs 11:30 am to midnight. Saturdays 12:30 pm to midnight and Sundays 12:30 to 11 pm. For more information, visit www.mitoushinyc. com.

roll into sushi history?

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# Nobody does Mexican and Spanish cuisine like Casa Pepe

### By Camille Sperrazza

Casa Pepe has been serving the finest Spanish food in Brooklyn for 32 years.

Everything is always fresh at this Bay Ridge restaurant because owner Jimmy Sanz makes sure only the finest ingredients go into every dish.



For a taste of traditional Spanish and Mexican fare, head to Casa Pepe on Bay Ridge Avenue between Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road.

Start with the popular guacamole dip, prepared tableside. You can order it as mild or as spicy as you wish because the ingredients — onions, cilantro, tomaAnother favorite starter is gambas al ajillo — shrimp sauteed with garlic, virgin olive oil and white wine, a wonderful combination of flavors. It's presented straight from the oven, so it's still sizzling.

Try ravioli frito — fried homemade lobster ravioli in a creamy chipotle sauce is another tempting possibility. Likewise, you can't go wrong with chorizo Espanol — grilled Spanish sausage.

Don't miss the ensalada de remolacha y aguacate — a delicious salad of slow-roasted beets, sliced avocado, and greens, topped with Fresco cheese, which is a white cheese from Mexico. It's all dressed with a tantalizing citrus vinaigrette.

Entrees are extensive, and cover just about anything you might want — paella, chicken, beef, pork, and fish dishes that include lobster, salmon, and striped bass. One notable choice is the chuleta de cerdo a la parrilla, a boneless double-cut pork chop, marinated in a garlic brine, then grilled with ancho pepper adobo.

"It's marinated for three days to loosen the meat," says Sanz. This unique dish is served with creamy, garlic-laced mashed potatoes.

Take advantage of Casa Pepe's lobster celebration. For \$30, enjoy a choice of soup or salad, a lobster, and a dessert of cheesecake or flan, plus a steaming cup of coffee. Lobster can be prepared a number of ways, including baked with garlic and olive oil; broiled with lemon and butter; or served in a creamy lobster bisque. The



What traditional Spanish restaurant wouldn't be complete without a tapas bar?

toes, and jalapenos — are added by the server, as you watch it prepared. Scoop it up with colorful green, black, yellow, and red tortilla chips. Of course, it's best enjoyed with a tall glass of Sangria or a frothy Margarita, and both are expertly prepared here. latter is an excellent choice, a blend of bold flavors. Not to miss a drop, scoop the rest of that creamy sauce over saffron rice. Delicious.

And during the summer take advantage of the new "Fridays under the stars," during which the outdoor garden



On fire: Casa Pepe sous chef Juan Romero makes paella with safron rice, lobster, calamari, mussels and clams.

becomes a dining area with extra tables, plus an outdoor bar with a bartender making your favorite drinks. The atmosphere is relaxing and is a perfect way to end your work week.

Another summer treat is fiesta Friday drink specials, with frozen margaritas, pina coladas, sangria, and Mexican beer available for \$3.50 per drink. Get there early, though, it's only available from 4 to 7 pm.

Another entree, mariscada en salsa verde, combines clams and mussels, peeking out of their shells, with shrimp and lobster in a green sauce of garlic, parsley, and white wine — another tasty blend. It's served with Spanish rice to soak up those luscious liquids.

End a meal with Casa Pepe coffee, because doing so means everyone seated near you will appreciate the fine presentation. The "show" starts when a cart is wheeled tableside, and stemmed glasses are warmed over a flame. Next, the rims of the glasses are brushed with lemon, then coated with sugar. Taking care to continue to warm the glasses, the server adds brandy, and now flames fly from the glassware. He rocks the mixture back and forth, then adds Kahlua. Still heating the mixture, coffee is added, then whipped cream. When it's topped with cinnamon, sparks fly. Finally, it's wrapped in a white napkin, and presented to enjoy. What a treat.

Flan, a traditional Spanish custard, is always delicious, served with a mound of whipped cream. The creme brulee arrives, flaming. Put out the fire when you deem the topping to be crisp enough for your taste.

Casa Pepe's atmosphere is relaxed and inviting. Sit in the garden room, a bright area in which natural light shines through huge windows that overlook the outdoor garden. Or, sit inside the area that houses the huge bar, which is a bit darker, and allows for more intimate dining.

A weekend brunch menu includes a mimosa or Bloody Mary, with entree choices such as shrimp, salmon, steak, and chicken. It's all a very reasonable \$12.50.



Casa Pepe bartender Erubiel Ramirez shows off the restaurant's paella with safron rice, lobster, calamari, mussels and clams in the outdoor patio. The eatery is known for its traditional Spanish cuisine.

Casa Pepe [114 Bay Ridge Ave. in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8865]. Open Mondays through Thursdays 4 from 11 pm; Fridays, 4 pm to midnight; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to midnight. For more information, visit www.casapepe.com

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### The best reads - handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

Who can you always count on when you're in a bind and need a good book? Your neighborhood bookstore, of course, whose employees read all the newest books before you do. That's why we're running this semi-regular column featuring must-reads, handpicked and written about by the staff at some of our favorite independent bookstores.

### The BookMark Shoppe's pick: 'Tuliet'

In "Juliet" by Anne Fortier, modernday Julie travels to Sienna, Italy, after her aunt's death only to learn that she is a descendant of the real families that inspired Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Racing against the clock, Julie must unlock secrets buried for centuries before she herself becomes nothing but a memory.



Bina Valenzano, co-owner,

The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115].

### **Greenlight's pick:** 'Rules of Civility'

Katey Kontent, the main character in Amor Towles's New York City-set debut historical novel, is not only uncommon for her era and gender, but uncommon enough to stand out as what I look for in a fictional character. She serves as the moral, ethical, and emotional backbone of all the characters, while also serving as the backbone of the book. Love, loss, life and living ensue,

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with characters who mirror what it means to "make it in New York," in all the possible permutations - the elusive and highly individual search for wholeness, happiness, and people's very personal definitions of success. In addition to a rich story with memorable characters, this book has occasional passages that take my breath away with the caliber of the writing.

- Rebecca Fitting, co-owner, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].

### WORD's pick: 'After Midnight'

This marvelous novel has just been brought back into print by Melville House's new Neversink Library program, and it's about time. Irmgard Keun, who wrote the book after barely escaping Nazi Germany in 1937 (after having been blacklisted and sentenced to death for an earlier

novel), has given narrator Sanna a clear voice and

a barely disguised sarcasm that reflects the uncertainty of the time perfectly. In certain spots, the writing is so perfect as to be painful. It seems impossible that a love story set in Nazi Germany should be so compelling, but it is. Every assumption you make about Sanna and her friends will be gone by the last page. Completely engrossing.

- Stephanie Anderson, manager, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096].



### FRI, AUG. 12

- FARMERS MARKET: Fresh fruits and veggies and reasonable prices. Free. 8 am–4 pm. Coney Island Hospital (Ocean Pkwy. be tween Shore Road and Avenue Z in Coney Island), www.nyc. gov/hhc.
- VIDBEL CIRCUS: Trapeze artists, jugglers and equestrians galore. \$10, children under 2 are free. 4 and 6:30 pm. (Stillwell Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island) www.circusvidbel.com
- FILM, "STORM CENTER": Free. 4 pm. DUMBO Arts Center [30 Washington St. between Plymouth and Water streets in DUMBO, (718) 694-0831], www.
- dumboartscenter.org THEATER, "ALL SHOOK UP": Mount Carmel Theatre Com-pany presents this musical about a small town in Middle America. \$20.8 pm. Mount Carmel Theatre Company Mainstage (275 N. Eighth St. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg), www.mcthe-
- atrecompany.org. MUSIC, CHIA'S DANCE PARTY AND FRIENDS: 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Particles (2007) in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.
- MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: Selections from Bach. \$35 (\$30 seniors, \$15 students). 8 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Land-ing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemusic org.
- MUSIC, THE DETROIT COBRAS, THE BAXX SISI'S, DES ROAR: \$15. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www. thebellhouseny.com

### **SAT, AUG. 13**

### **OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

TOUR, TALES OF GREEN-WOOD: Explore the northern part of the cemetery. \$15. 1–3:30 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sun-set Park, (718) 768-7300], www. green-wood.com

### PERFORMANCE

- MUSIC, THE DAVENPORTS, KRIS GRUEN: \$7.7 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.
- MUSIC, STOCKHOLM SYN DROME: \$12. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.
- THEATER, "ALL SHOOK UP": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 12
- MUSIC, THE BAYSIDE TIGERS: As part of a "Saved By The Bell"-themed night. \$15. 9 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny com
- MUSIC, THE PRIDS: \$8.9 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicas semblynyc.com.

### **SALES AND MARKETS**

GREENMARKET: Fresh seafood, baked goods, and seasonal fruits and veggies. Free. 8 am–3 pm. Walgreens Pharmacy parking lot [Third Avenue at 95th Street in Bay Ridge, (212) 788-7476], www. grownyc.org

### OTHER

- STREET FESTIVAL: Free. Noon-9 pm. Pentacostal Church [Mer-maid Ave. at W. 21st Street in Coney Island, (718) 946-8564]. VIDBEL CIRCUS: 4, 6 and 8 pm. See
- Friday, Aug. 12. FILM, "HEAVY METAL": As part of the "Rock N' Roll Summer" film series. \$6. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and West 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 907-3409], www.coneyisland. com/films.

### **SUN, AUG. 14**

### **OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

**REGGAE BEACH PARTY: Move** to dancehall, rocksteady, ska and classic roots reggae at this daytime dance party. Free. 2–8 pm. (Boardwalk at W. 19th Street in Coney Island), soundlibera-tion ora tion.org

### PERFORMANCE

- THEATER, "ALL SHOOK UP": 2 pm. See Friday, Aug. 12. MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: With pianist Doris Stevenson. \$35 (\$30 seniors, \$15 students). 3 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemusic.
- MUSIC, PEDRO GIRAUDO SEX-TET: 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com
- MUSIC, STEPHANE WREMBEL: 9 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklvn.com

### SALES AND MARKETS

- CARROLL GARDENS GREENMAR **KET:** 8 am–6 pm. [Carroll and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens, (212) 788-7476], www.grownyc.
- ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 13.
- CORTELYOU GREENMARKET: 8 am–6 pm. [Cortelyou Road be-tween Argyle and Rugby roads in Ditmas Park, (212) 788-7476], www.grownyc.org. PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8
- am-6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 13.
- BROOKLYN FLEA: Vintage, antique, handmade, and food ven-dors. 10 am–5 pm. (27 N. 6 St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), www.brooklynflea.com.
- FULTON FLEA: Featuring local designers. 11 am–6:30 pm. Brook-lyn Plaza [650 Fulton St. between Fort Greene Place and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (917) 364-5648], www.fultonflea.com.

### OTHER

VIDBEL CIRCUS: 3 and 6 pm. See Friday, Aug. 12.

### MON, AUG. 15

- READING, SAPPHIRE: Author of "The Kid." Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.
- MUSIC, THE QUAVERS AND FRIENDS WIT MATT BAUDER'S PAPER GARDENS: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklvn.com

COOKING WITH JAMIE-LYNN:



All hail the gueen!: Queen Latifah performs as part of the free Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series at Wingate Field in Crown Heights on Aug. 15.

Learn easy-to-follow recipes from the chef of Jamie-Lynn's Kitchen. Free. 7 pm. Boulevard Books [7518 13th Ave. near 76th Street in Dyker Heights, (718) 680-5881].

- MUSIC, QUEEN LATIFAH: Free. 7:30 pm. Wingate Field [Brook-lyn Avenue at Rutland Road in Crown Heights, (718) 222-0600], www.brooklynconcerts. com. MUSIC, THE GO ROUND: 8 pm.
- Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com MUSIC, SIMONE STEVENS WITH
- GREG MCMULLEN: 9 pm. GREG MCMULLEN: 9 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Wil-liamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

### TUES, AUG. 16

- VIDBEL CIRCUS: 5 and 7:30 pm. See Friday, Aug. 12.
- MUSIC, RAG DOLL: Tribute band to the Four Seasons. Free. 7 pm Park [79th St. at Shore Road in Bay Ridge, (718) 236-7547] RMUSIC, 3 WAY ORGAN TRIO: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrook-
- lvn.com MUSIC, VIRGIN FOREST, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS: \$8-\$10. 7:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory. com.
- MR COCONUT'S COMEDY SHOW: Hosted by Gabe Dela-haye. \$5.8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www. unionhallny.com.
- MUSIC, SLAVIC SOUL PARTY: Fiery gypsy brass, soulful Bal-kan anthems, and hip-grinding American funk. \$10. 9 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklvn.com

### WED, AUG. 17

- FARMERS' MARKET: Locally grown veggies, herbs and flow-ers. 2:30–6:30 pm. High School for Public Service Youth Farm (600 Kingston Ave. at Winthrop Street in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), hspsfarm.blogspot.com. MUSIC, KAREN K AND THE JIT-TERBUGS: Free. 4 pm. Car-
- roll Park (President and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens), www.carrollparkbrooklyn.org. VIDBEL CIRCUS: 5 and 7:30 pm. See Friday, Aug. 12.
- MUSIC, JOHN KUSE AND THE EXCELLENTS: Featuring the hit Coney Island Baby and oldies. Free. 7 pm. Marine Park [Fill-more Ave. at 32nd Street in Ma-rine Park, (718) 236-7547]. MUSIC, KING CHARLES THE
  - MARTYR, JUSTICE OF THE UNIVORNS, ST. LUCIA: \$7.7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at

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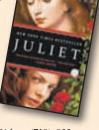
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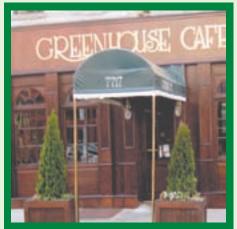
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### BY MARC RAIMONDI

Stacy Peralta went to one softball tryout as a freshman and had no intention of ever coming back. The sport just didn't suit her she was content with cheerleading at Nazareth like she had planned on.

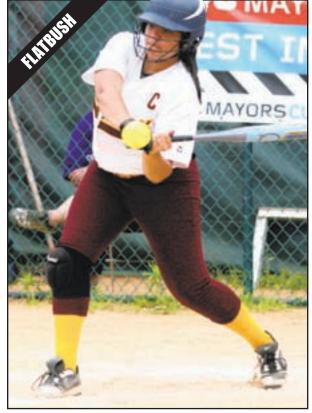
Lady Kingsmen coach Oggie Quiles wouldn't have it. He pestered her to return, play on the varsity and she finally consented. He ended up regretting it later.

"When she first started, I was hoping that she quit," Quiles said. "She didn't show at the beginning that she had any ability. She was just always fooling around, always talking."

It wasn't until the summer between her freshman and sophomore seasons, while playing with Quiles' OLS Hustlers travel program, that Peralta showed some promise. She just got better after that. The big, strong left-hander pitched Naz to one of its best seasons this past spring and was selected to the CHSAA's NYC Mayor's Cup team.

Last month, she capped her surprising career by accepting a softball scholarship to Division II Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. Between athletic and academic money, Peralta will be responsible for paying less than half of the school's tuition - and she'll be able to continue playing the sport she grew to love.

"It means a lot to me," she said of earning the scholarship. "Oggie really taught me a lot — how to be a better person and a better player. I really have grown from freshman year



Naz softball star earns

**Division II scholarship** 

Nazareth's Stacy Peralta earned a partial athletic scholarship to Johnson C. Smith. Photo by David Allen

to now."

Peralta's lefty bat really came along her sophomore year and she showed surprising range in center field. When she started hitting the fence on right field on a fly, that's when Quiles started to realize her immense potential. He no longer wanted her to quit.

"She was big and strong," Quiles said. "She could hit the ball and she's a lot faster than she looks. I said to myself, 'She has awesome power — she's gonna be good.""

He told her by the end of her sophomore year that if

she had played travel with him in middle school, she could have been an all-city player at that point. But just a few months later, Peralta had to start working on a whole new part of the game: pitching. The girl who was going to be in the circle at Nazareth transferred and Quiles groomed Peralta, who he had pitch with the Hustlers in fall ball. It didn't come easy.

"I sucked really, really bad," Peralta admitted. "I had an arm, though. I threw fast. They kept encouraging me to do it."

By the time her junior

season came, Peralta was a solid windmiller. But Nazareth struggled - the Lady Kingsmen didn't win a single game. She came back even stronger as a senior and led a remarkable turnaround. Naz won five in a row at one point in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division II and started the season 6-2. The Lady Kingsmen advanced all the way to the league semifinals in one of their best seasons in years. After the season, Peralta

tried out for the CHSAA's NYC Mayor's Cup team and was selected to the all-star game despite her school's relative softball anonymity. She ended up giving up just one run on two hits in three solid innings of relief.

"I thought maybe they thought twice about putting me in," Peralta said. "But they did and it was a good choice. Everybody saw what I could do." Johnson C. Smith took

notice when Annarie Sidney, the mother of softball teammate Brianna Sidney (who is also a basketball star at Naz), emailed an article about Peralta to the coaches at the North Carolina school. The rest is history; she'll be heading down to Charlotte for freshman orientation the beginning of next week.

"This was so shocking and surprising to me," Quiles said. "At some point in her senior year, I said this girl is good enough to pitch somewhere and play somewhere. But I know we're at a small school and no one has seen her."

He added: "I'm like a proud daddy.'



Xaverian's Dillon Burns committed to C.W. Post last week. Photo by Christina Santucci

# **Burns commits** to C.W. Post

### BY MARC RAIMONDI Dillon Burns didn't

waste any time.

The July live recruiting period finished up Sunday and less than 24 hours, the Xaverian rising senior point had a college. On Monday evening, Burns committed to Division II C.W. Post, choosing the Long Island school over St. Rose. He also had offers from Division II schools St. Thomas Aquinas, Concordia and Holy Family.

"I liked everything about it," Burns said of C.W. Post, which he visited last Wednesday. "Academically and athletically, I think it fits. ... It's kind of like a Division I campus."

Burns was beginning to earn interest from Division I schools, especially after an excellent performance in early July at Hoop Group Elite Camp Session I in Reading, Pa. The University of Texas-Pan American wanted him to visit, but

Burns was satisfied with the schools he had. The scrappy, 5-foot-6 pass-first point went to St. Rose on Sunday and upon returning he had his mind made up – it would be C.W. Post.

"I felt like at a Division I school maybe I wouldn't have a chance to play as a freshmanorasophomore," Burns said. "Maybe those schools were a little above my head. A Division II school like C.W. Post, it's a good conference, a good team and they're always in the tournament."

Burns' father, Tommy, also played at Xaverian under coach Jack Alesi and he competed at then-Division II Quinnipiac. His sister, Megan, a sharpshooting senior this year at St. Peter's, is headed to Concordia in the fall.

"He's such a good kid," Alesi said. "He's everything that's right about high-school basketball. I couldn't be happier for him. The word throwback Continued on Page 54

# Mathletes fail kickball test

### **BY AARON SHORT**

COURIER LIFE, AUG. 11-17, 2011 **54** Kickball's top teams have solved the Mathletes.

The pocket protector-wielding squad dropped two games on Sunday to top-ranked John Cougar Mellencamps and third-ranked New Frontiersmen, who used the ageold formula: timely hitting + crisp fielding × veteran savvy = big wins. BROOKLYN

В After getting pummeled 9-2 by American Κ Blood in the first game G of the day, the Frontiers-

men rallied in their second game to ace their test against the secondranked Mathletes, 6–2. "After we let [eight

runs go in the first inning against American Blood], we played like gods," said Frontiersman infielder

Benny "Fast Hands" Thompson. "We're better but we took too long to get in a rhythm."

The Mellencamps jumped out to a 1-0 lead against the Mathletes in the first inning, but the Mathletes had the game tied, 2-2, by the bottom of the fifth.

Then the Mathletes' defensive wheels came off.

Eight Mellencamps came to bat in the inning, tacking on four runs for a 6-2 final thanks to the tenacity of Andy "Shark Week" Lin and Brandon "Loveboat" Stricklett.

League Commissioner Kevin "Commish" Dailey said the Mathletes' losses and the Frontiersmen's split reaffirms that the Mellencamps are the best team in the league.

"The JCMS reaffirmed their first-place status," said Dailey. "I think the Mathletes were exposed

a little bit, as were the new Frontiersmen. I would never bet on the New Frontiersmen or the Mathletes in a highstakes game.

But Mellencamps weren't done — last year's champions edged out a tenacious Brooklyn United in the final game of the night, 4-2.

The game was tied 2-2 into the fifth inning. when captain "Shirtles"

Tom McDonough walloped a single to right center that brought in the winnint two runs.

Other top teams were in action with similarly impressive victories.

The Pony Boys disrobed the People's Court, overturning a fiverun deficit scoring six runs in the fourth inning, en route to a 7-6 decision.

People's Court secured two other dominant victories earlier in the day, adjudicating the Divine Sisterhood by 10 runs, and closing down



the The Kickey Mouse Club by nine runs.

And Never Scared posted two of the most impressive offensive displays Sunday kicking in 16 runs over 10 innings, defeating both Space Cadets and Baywatch by 8-1 scores.

"If we play up to our potential we stand to make a good run in the playoffs," said Never Scared's "Hot" Karl Pawlewicz. "We just want to have three more weeks of fun before we have to get down to business."

In other games, Brooklyn United defeated Baywatch, 8-1; Baywatch



**Kickball Fever** 

toasted the Bacon Bits. 3-2; and the Bacon Bits porked out Livin' on a Prayer, 7-1.

Hot Mess split its games, losing to Booze on First, 4-1, before beating Victorious Vices, 7-5.

"It was our first time playing in sunshine in maybe two months," said Hot Mess captain Randall "Tricky Dick" Mixon. "We had a great time. We brought our mothers - my mom assistant-managed for me on the first game."

Brooklyn Kickball at Gilroy Field in McCarren Park (Bedford Avenue at N. 13th Street in Greenpoint), Sundays, 5–11 pm.

# Burns

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is overused, but as a highschool or college coach, he's the kind of kid you want. It started with character. He's got a great foundation from his family."

The coach was in attendance earlier this month at Albright College when Burns' stock began to soar. A camp like that isn't typically conducive to his skill set. Burns flourishes inside of a system and playing with kids he has never taken the floor with before, players who are out to showcase their own skills and not necessarily win games, is difficult.

"He'd be more appreciated in a high-school game," Alesi said. "But he's so good and he's so tough, he went out there and did what he had to do and he did it on his terms."

Alesi expects nothing less of him this season. With highly touted guard Brian Bernardi, who holds a slew of Division I interest, and improving wing Shakeel Kemp, Xaverian has a chance to make some noise in CHSAA Class AA.

"I can't wait," Burns said. "I've put this behind me and I can focus on the team now."

# Shades of Winter: Gauchos star takes us back to July

In this special diary, South Shore forward Jenice Winter brings us back to an eventful July live recruiting period when her Gauchos team played in some of the biggest tournaments in the country. Look for Winter's regular diary this coming girls basketball season.

### **BY JENICE WINTER**

Hello, my name is Jenice Winter and I'm a rising senior at South Shore High School. I just finished playing with the New York Gauchos this summer, my second one under the Gauchos organization.

This summer we attended some big tournaments in Orlando, Tennessee, New Orleans and South Carolina. Our biggest tournament was Nike Nationals in Augusta, S.C. Some of our strongest opponents this summer were Nike elite teams such as DFW, who

has the No. 2 prospect in the class of 2012, Moriah Jefferson, and also at least three other girls ranked in the top 100. Tennessee Flight had players ranked in the top 100 and so did Essence, GSB and the Philadelphia Belles, who had the No. 1 prospect in the class of 2012, Breanna Stewart.

At our games, there were like a million college coaches. From the entrance to the gym to the exit, especially when we played GSB in Tennessee, it was packed. Every conference was there - you name it.

Even though we had a tough schedule, we still managed to have a lot of funny moments this summer. For example, our last day in Orlando we had the day off so we decided to hang out and chill. In our hotel, there was a game room, which contained a miniature golf course, a basketball court where we played knockout, Nintendo Wii, a ping pong table, and a lot of board games. Me and couple of the coaches were playing an intense game of Monopoly that lasted for 3 hours. Also we played boxing on the Wii and I went undefeated. Other fun moments from this summer was our bus ride to Tennessee when we were cracking jokes on each other.

One of my most favorite memories of this summer



South Shore's VCU-bound Jenice Winter had a big July with the Gauchos.

### Photo by Denis Gostev

that I will never forget was when we were in New Orleans and we got to go sightseeing in areas where Hurricane Katrina had hit. We were all so shocked to see the damage that the hurricane had done. We spoke to this elderly woman that was on the street while we were passing that was there during the hurricane. She told us stories and showed us pictures of the condition New Orleans was in when the water came. We ended up winning that Basketball on the Bayou tournament in New Orleans.

Before the summer started I had committed to VCU. I committed because what they were offering me was something I just couldn't pass up and the chemistry between me and the coaches on the visit just clicked. Another reason for my commitment was that every player that attends VCU, their game has developed from when they first arrived. Also, the facility was amazing. Words can't explain. I'm verv excited and I looking forward to my years in that VCU uniform.

But before I do that I have goals and accomplishments that I have to take care of at South Shore. I'm very excited for this upcoming season. I know I am going to be one of the leaders of the team this year and I'm expecting that challenge with open arms. Myself and the other seniors realize that this is our last chance at that championship and God knows that means the world to us. I feel good going into this upcoming season because I know the pieces that we have and that we just added could do amazing things when we come together.

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### **BY GERSH KUNTZMAN**

The Cyclones almost swept the hated Staten Island Yankees this past week, if it weren't for one really bad inning on Saturday. Here's a look at the rivals' most-recent series, which the Clones took, 3-1.

### Cyclones 9 Yankees 4

Aug. 5 at Staten Island The Cyclones got on the board first, with two runs in the fourth — both unearned, thanks to two Yankee errors.

Starter Carlos Vazquez gave up a solo shot in the fifth to halve the lead, and then lost his lead in the next inning when the Yanks tied it up on a triple.

But the Cyclones busted out for five runs in the seventh inning. The barrage started slowly, as the Clones loaded the bases with a single and two walks. A passed ball scored the first run before Richard Lucas knocked in two with a single. A hit batter loaded the bases again, and Travis Taijeron

singled home another. Two more runs scored in the eight on Lucas's single. The Yanks did rally in the ninth, but came up short.

### Yankees 6 **Cyclones 4**

Aug. 6 at MCU Park One really bad inning is the story of this loss.

The Cyclones had a 2-1 lead, thanks to Travis Taijeron's RBI single in the second.

But in the fifth inning, the wheels came off the bus for starter Jeffrey Walters -all with two outs.

Walters yielded three singles in a row before being replaced by Ernesto Yanez, who promptly gave up a two-run triple and an RBI double.

The Clones got two runs back in the seventh on Brian Harrison's homer, but it was too little, too late.

### **Cyclones 10** Yankees 2

Aug. 7 at Staten Island Cyclone hitters treated the Yankee pitching staff



Shortstop Daniel Muno fires the relay to first base to complete a double play against the Yankees last Saturday night, but the Cyclones lost the game, 6-4. Photo by Tom Callan

like it was tossing batting practice, pounding out 10 runs on 14 hits in one of the best wins of the year.

After falling behind 2–0 after three innings, the Cvclones came alive, scoring 10 unanswered runs.

The barrage started in the fourth with five runs. After a walk Chase Greene singled and Daniel Muno knocked in two with his 13th double of the season. Ismael Tijerina followed with a single that put runners on the corners before Javier Rodriguez hit his fourth homer of the year, a three-run blast.

Two more runs came in during the fifth on a Muno groundout and a Tijerina double.

In the eighth, Tijerina led off with a single and moved to third on Rodriguez's 16th double of the season. Brian Harrison hit a SAC fly before Travis Taijeron knocked in a run with a single.

The final run of the game scored on Rodriguez's SAC fly in the ninth.

Cyclone pitching was solid, with starter Bret Mitchell giving up two runs on six hits in 4-2/3 innings. The bullpen gave up just two hits the rest of the way.

### **Cvclones 7** Yankees 5

Aug. 8 at MCU Park

The Cyclones pounded the Yanks with an 11-hit barrage.

The Yanks got on the board first, with a hit-batter on the first pitch and a beautiful drag bunt to put runners on first and second. Starter Randy Fontanez was lucky that a line drive flew right into his glove to start an easy double play, but he promptly gave up two more hits, to yield one run.

The Cyclones got that run back — and more — on a two-out rally of their own. Brian Harrison and Travis Taijeron singled, setting up Xorge Carrillo's RBI liner to center and T.J. Rivera's softer RBI smash to left. Then Charley Thurber knocked in two more with another hard blast to make it 4-1 Clones.

The Yanks got one back in the fourth on a two-out RBI single. And the baby Bombers tied up the score in the fifth on another twoout rally that include an RBI double and single against reliever Jeremy Gould.

But the Clones fought back, loading the bases to start the bottom of the home fifth. Cole Frenzel hit into a double-play, but at least the go-ahead run scored.

Another run came in thanks to a Yankee error in the sixth.

The Cyclones finished their scoring with another two-out RBI, this time by Travis Taijeron.





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